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NEWS

Culture clash studied

by Jeanine Soodeen

The historical trend for people of different cultures to clash is something a UVic program is trying to resolve.

A major study within the Indo-Canadian, Chinese and other immigrant communities in B.C. is being undertaken by the university's Institute for Dispute Resolution.

The three year Multi–culturalism and Dispute Resolution Project is being met with approval from its target area.

Vera Radio, executive director of the Multilingual Orientation Services Association for Immigrant Communities (MOSAIC), is excited about the project and thinks it is worthy of consideration.

Her organization works with immigrants and their problems everyday, helping them to assimmilate.

"I think it is important to develop new ways to face these problems," said Radio.

"Multiculturalism is an area of growth," said Dinah Stanley, director of programmes at the UVic Institute.

"The immigration statistics show that we will have vast influences of immigrants in the next few years and these numbers are of more importance than they were previously," said project director Michelle LeBaron.

The project was initiated through consultation with representatives from the multicultural community and organisations which work with immigrants.

It will focus on several areas of significant conflict in the Lower Mainland and Victoria, including disputes between immigrants and institutions, and between parents and social workers or teachers over the rearing and education of children.

"We hope to find the areas of most pressing concern of recent immigrants," said LeBaron.

It will also target disputes concerning land-use rights, problems between students from different cultural communities, and disagreements between mainstream Canadians and immigrants over such issues as landlord-tenant matters or the purchase and control of property.

The project has four phases.

"The first year is the research phase," said Stanley.

During this time interviews will be conducted in the target communities followed by an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the present methods used to deal with conflicts involving these people.

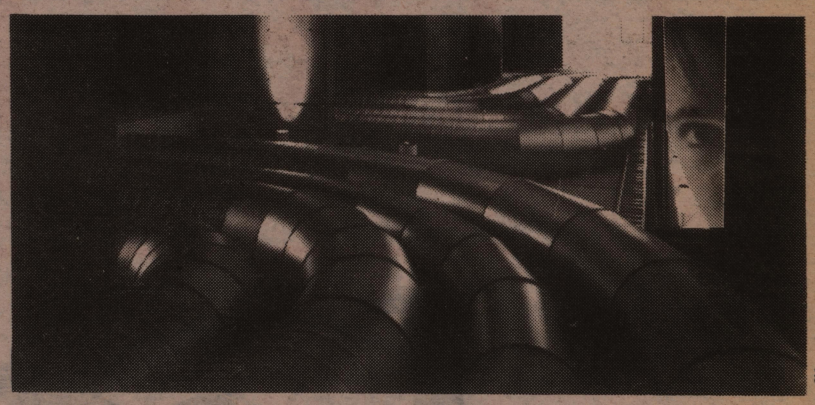
The final stage hopes to identify alternate approaches to conflicts.

The Institute will work with existing multicultural agencies to test the new approaches and help them deal with conflicts that arise.

The Institute was established in 1989 and has supported dispute resolution research, organized conferences on dispute resolution in schools and in natural resource management, and published dispute resolution reference materials.

The project is partly funded by a $280,000 grant from the Donner Canadian Foundation and the Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada association.

Its findings will be distributed internationally. ❑



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OUT OF THIS WORLD — Student sneaks peak into tiny spaceship.

Alien squeals heard

by N.E. Riter

Some people may be sceptical, but the space aliens on campus say they are for real.

Several reports last week of flashing lights and odd, squealing noises coming from the roof of the MacLaurin Building led to a Top Secret investigation by members of the newly-formed Campus Service for Interesting Stuff (CSIS).

After an intensive survey of the grass, trees, students and wood lice of the MacLaurin's surrrounding area, CSIS discovered a small, round, metallic object.

"At first, we thought it was a loonie," said an unidentified CSIS member. "Then we realised that it was a decoder, a device which would make it possible to contact the alien life forms... a direct line to higher intelligence."

At approximately 9:37 p.m. on Tuesday, CSIS used the Decoder. "It was easy to figure out, really. It worked just like a toaster oven, only smaller and different" said another unidentified source. Contact was made with the alien life forms at 11:23 p.m.

The aliens insisted that they are real, and that they are on this campus to tap into a "pseudo-psycho-crystalline- higher-energy-vortex" that they believe exists in the centre of the Petch fountain.

"We are waiting for the perfect moment — and then, our mission will be completed," they said.

The exact purpose of their mission could not be discovered either by CSIS or by The Martlet. If YOU think you could investigate this, or other, more down to earth news stories, drop by the Martlet office in SUB 109... News writing is out of this world! ❑

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 25, 1991

1:00 p.m. Cinecenta Theatre

UVSS UVSS

Agenda

1. Call to Order - 1:00 p.m.
2. Ratification of SAGM Chair
3. Review of Robert's Rules of Order
4. Slide Show - "Student Operations & Initiatives"
5. Main Motions

a) Heffernan/ moved that Article Two be amended to include
g) to provide leadership in environmentally responsible practices in all aspects of the Society's functions.

b) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Two be amended to read
1c) all individuals who are on Cooperative Education workterms.

c) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Three be amended to include
e) Granting of Honourary Life Memberships shall be limited to two (2) per year.

d) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Three be amended to read
3a) any alteration of membership fees collected by the Society, either for the Society or on behalf of another organisation that reduces or removes existing fees shall require a petition of ten per cent (10%) of the membership.
3b) any alternation in membership fees collected by the Society, either for the Society or on behalf of another organisation that increases or establishes fees shall be subject to the referenda process as defined in By-Law 4, Article 7.

e) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Four be amended to read
8b) sufficient notice shall be deemed to have been given by the posting of not less than sixty (60) notices upon notice boards under the jurisdiction of the Students' Society, and not less than 1/2 page advertisement in the official students newspaper which shall include the following:
i. the time, date, and location of the meeting or referenda,
ii. the proposed agenda for the meeting or resolution(s) of the referendum, and
iii. any special resolution to be considered by the meeting or referendum.

f) Best/ moved that By-Law Five be amended to read
1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:
a. one executive director as Chairperson
b. one executive director as Director of Academics
c. one executive director as Director of Services
d. one executive director as Director of Finance
e. Eleven (11) At-large Directors
2. Term of Office of members of the Board of Directors
a. directors elected during the month of March shall be elected for one year terms, to take office on May 1st.
b. directors elected during any by-elections shall hold office until April 30 of the following year.

g) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Five be amended to read:
3d) subject to any special resolutions of the Students' Society the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order (or another recognised Rules of Order agreed upon by the Board of Directors) shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

h) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Six be amended to read:
1a) the electoral committee shall be comprised of the Chief Electoral Officer, the Resource Co-ordinator, ex-officio, and three directors, one of whom shall be an executive director.

i) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Six be amended to read:
3a) the posting, on notice boards under the jurisdiction of the Students' Society, not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the nomination period, of not less than sixty (60) notices, not less than twenty (20) centimetres by twenty-five (25) centimetres in size stating:
i. the opening and closing date and time of the period for the submission of nominations,
ii. the location which nomination forms may be obtained,
iii. the location at which completed nomination forms are to be submitted.
iv. the period of time allotted to nominees for campaigning and
v. the days on which polling will take place.

j) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Six be amended to read
4d) nominees for executive director positions shall have completed 12 units of undergraduate study at the University of Victoria in order to qualify for nomination for executive positions.
4e) nominees for executive and executive director positions shall not be on academic probation.
4f) members of the Students' Society shall not hold an executive position for more than two (2) years.

k) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Six be amended to read
4g) all eligible nominees must comply with all regulations stipulated in the electoral policy.

l) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Six be amended to read
5d) all UVSS candidates and their supporters shall not distribute material during the campaign period which discriminates against any other person or candidate on the grounds of any of the following: gender, race, religion, marital status, citizenship, place of origin, age, creed, colour, sexual orientation, religious views and/or activity, appearance and physical disability.
Candidates failure to comply with these by-laws will be subject to penalties established by the electoral committee.

m) Best/ moved that By-Law Eight be amended to read
1h) chair the Social Issues Action Committee
1i) regularly remind all Directors of their constitutional responsibilities as outlined in Section 2 of the UVSS constitution.
1j) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

n) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Eight be amended to read
2f) prepare the budgets of the Students' Society for adoption by the Board of Directors.
2h) delete

o) Best/ moved that By-Law Eight be amended to read
4h) chair the Student Issues Action Committee
4i) be responsible for the communication and advertising of the Students' Society

p) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Nine be amended to read
Local Representatives on the British Columbia component committees of the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services)

q) Jensen/ moved that By-Law Nine be amended to read
2. The UVic Women's Steering Committee shall select one woman member, to be ratified by the Board of Directors, to sit as the local liaison on the Women's Steering Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students as per the By-Laws of the Federation.

r) Hartford/ moved that By-Law Ten be amended to read
2. Directors shall be permitted to take leaves of absence to participate in co-operative education work terms or as necessary due to extenuating circumstances.

s) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Ten be amended to read
3. a director who has missed three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without prior consent of the Board of Directors shall be considered to have resigned.

t) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Twelve be amended to read
1a) a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors of the Students' Society, or

u) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Thirteen be amended to read
Salary and Honouraria of Directors
b) the salary paid each executive director shall be established at a rate equivalent to the monthly rate of pay earned by Student Staff Supervisors working a thirty-five (35) hour week.

v) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Thirteen be amended to read
e) at-large directors shall be paid an honouraria at the end of each term, as established by the previous Board.

w) Jampolsky/ moved that By-Law Sixteen be amended to read
e) the Students' Society Operational Relations Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference for the Students' Society Operational Relations Committee.

x) Heffernan/ moved that By-Law Sixteen be amended to read
m) Environmental Issues and Action Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Issues and Action Committee.
n) Mature Students Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference of the Mature Students Committee.
o) Student Issues Action Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference of the Student Issues Action Committee.
p) Social Issues Action Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference of the Social Issues Action Committee.

6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

ALL REGISTERED STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
BRING YOUR STUDENT CARD

NEWS

What if you hosted a Royal Commission and nobody came? A true story:

by Sherryl Yeager

A lack of advertising and organisation denied UVic students and faculty the chance to participate in the `Spicer Commission' when it was at UVic Feb. 4.

Ten days before the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future was to be at UVic, Students' Society President Howard Jampolsky agreed to organise a panel and public meeting to address the forum.

But the majority of the nine panelists were given two hours notice of the forum, while the only poster advertising the event was hung in front of the SUB.

"It was one of those things that got put under other things that came up last week. Maybe it shouldn't have, but everything has a way of working out in the end," said Jampolsky.

"I was working on a great deal of things — writing policies, getting things straightened around, filing."

Jampolsky said the date of the forum was known in the Resource Centre, the offices of the Students' Society, and he had asked several people to participate and was refused.

One of these people was Jim Rutkowski, a director of the Society.

"Howard came up to me that morning (Feb. 4) and asked me. I said no because I had no time to prepare," Rutkowski said. "He said he'd just found out the night before."

The majority of the people on the panel were notified by Laura Porcher, director of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG), who heard that morning from a friend off-campus the forum was going to UVic.

Stephen Reid, the moderator in charge of organising the forum's appearances in Southern Vancouver Island, said this is the first time he has encountered any difficulties.

Reid said he spoke to Jampolsky 10 days before and had been unable to reach him again until Feb. 4, although he left several messages.

Jampolsky said he had been in his office all week and denied receiving any messages, "unless somebody has been playing back my messages and writing them down and putting them somewhere, but I don't think that's the case."

The Citizens' Forum is headed by Keith Spicer and is a series of public meetings designed to identify and focus the views of Canadians on the country's future. Another of the forum's goals is to improve dialogue and lower the level of distrust people have for government.

This may be a difficult goal, however, as problems with organising the forum's visit to UVic don't end with Jampolsky.

Porcher said she has been trying for months to have direct input to the forum. When she called its head office in Ottawa on Friday, Feb. 1 she was told the forum was not meeting in Victoria until March.

Porcher said she has been trying unsuccessfully since October to receive a discussion kit the forum is offering. She said she knows several people who have requested kits and none of them have had any better luck.

"I appreciate their concern for democracy and not wanting to get into bureaucratization, but one thing essential to democracy is communication and information, and there is obviously a major problem there," said Porcher.

"If I hadn't heard (about the forum) there would have been three people sitting on the panel."

Many faculty members would also likely have participated if the event had been properly advertised, said Warren Magnusson, vice-president of the Faculty Association.

"It's very unfortunate it wasn't better publicised. I am sure a lot of people would have attended.

"If there is one place people can expect informed deliberation in matters of this kind it ought to be at a university," he said.

"Universities seem to be a place where large numbers of people of diverse backgrounds congregate. The people who should be participating in this type of discussion are young people. It would be sad if (the forum) missed connecting with large numbers of students." ❑

Chris Lair

A divisive unity

by Sherryl Yeager

The divisiveness and diversity that is Canada was fully evident when the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future dropped by UVic on Monday, Feb. 4.

Both sides of the political spectrum were presented to the forum by nine students on issues from empowering people in the democratic process to land claims and economic issues.

The forum, also known as the `Spicer Commission,' is holding meetings to gather input on what Canadians feel about the country's future direction. It is also intended to lessen the amount of distrust people have for the federal government, distrust which was fully evident in the discussion.

"There must be more local and sustainable development through democratization of the decision making process on all levels," said Kelley Abeysinghe, resource coordinator for the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG).

"Power must be put back into the hands of the people who know the most about their situations," she said. "But the first thing that must be done is the settlement of native land claims."

Peiman Abdi, a director of VIPIRG, said many immigrants don't take part in the present democratic system because after they cast a vote politicians seem to forget the issues they campaigned on.

"If they vote and nothing happens, there is a lack of incentive to go back and participate again," Abdi said.

"The government cannot solve our problems. Racism is a question that should be dealt with on a personal level."

The root of the problem is a lack of democracy. This creates apathy, said VIPIRG Director Laura Porcher.

Canada is a racist nation which must address the needs of the underpriviliged, native people and the environment, not just within its borders but throughout the world, some panelists told the forum.

Others disagreed, and said Canada is an admired and prosperous nation and should continue on its present path.

"The only racist actions come out of Quebec. For example, the English sign law. Do native Canadians deserve to own the land? Whose land is crown land?" asked Students' Society Director Cameron St. John.

"Canada as a nation and an ideal should survive. It provides an admirable example of how things should be done," he said.

"Canada is admired around the world for its ability to reach consensus and tolerance. It is an example of how people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, immigrants and natives, can work together and create a prosperous and united nation."

This opinion was echoed by Nigel Stoodley, president of the fraternities' Greek Council.

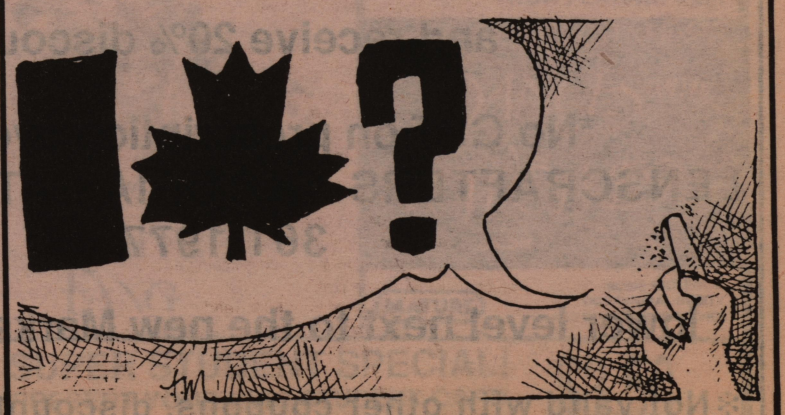
"Canada is a good example of social programs and capitalism. We have an excellent medical system, probably the best in the world," said Stoodley.

"Peoples' physical needs are basically met by the government. Right now there is a recognized need to shift back to individualism."

Abeysinghe later refuted his comments.

"Nigel talked about the status of living," she said. "Tell that to the people on reserves who are 80 to 90 per cent of the unemployed.

"What about child poverty and single mothers. What about the children? Sure we have a great standard of living, but at whose expense?" ❑



Overcrowding concerns aired

by Alisa Smith and Alisa Gordaneer

Students jammed into yet another venue at UVic on Jan. 30, when a panel of politicians, professors and administrators tried to address overcrowding.

The question of severe overcrowding on virtually every B.C. campus led to the public forum in the SUB Upper Lounge.

The panelists were quick to point out the drawbacks and effects of too many students, but no one had any solutions to offer other than more government money.

"People are overworked and extremely stressed out," said Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic of the Students' Society, and organiser of the forum.

Because of overcrowding, "Everyone ends up losers" said Patricia Tsurumi, history professor.

David Hultsch, a professor in the psychology department said, "even in 300 and 400 level courses, there are over 100 students in a course. This makes it extremely difficult to offer certain pedagogical experiences that are beneficial to students — essay exams, papers, lab groups and discussions."

All panelists agreed there is not enough room on this campus to accomodate all the students registered.

"In the early 80s there was a virtual embargo on new buildings. The buildings going up now are only meeting these old needs. Physical space is an urgent problem," said Sam Scully, vice-president academic of UVic.

"There will be access for only a privileged few. B.C. will be the only province where an honours student in high school can't get into university."

The B.C. government did not anticipate the reality of having more students than classrooms, although it ran the "Access for All" campaign in an effort to bring the province's enrollment levels up to the national average. While enrollment has increased, it still falls behind that of other provinces.

Elizabeth Cull, MLA for Oak Bay, said, "there has been a 20 per cent drop in operating revenues in the past 10 years. Here at UVic you should have 20 per cent more space than you actually do. There should be 2,000 fewer students registered here."

There were few real solutions offered at the forum. Scully suggested enrolment caps for the faculty of Arts and Science. These caps have always existed in other faculties such as Fine Arts and Engineering.

If the caps currently proposed by Arts and Science are adopted, students entering UVic for the first time would find their registration period determined by their highschool grade point averages. Those with the best grades register first and on down the line until classes are filled.

"There will be access for only a privileged few," said Cull. "B.C. will be the only province where an honours student in highschool can't get into university."

Another possibility Scully suggested was, "an informal and non-binding registration process for next fall." This procedure would determine the demand for individual courses, without actually creating more space, classrooms, or course sections.

Scully said although the university has records of how many times every course was requested

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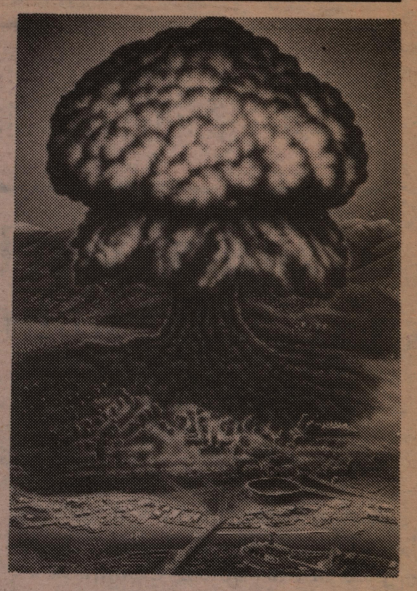
Project 15 years in the making shown to King of Jordan
Artist takes anti-nuclear work to Gulf War



by Katharine Vogelsang

Carl Chaplin lives in two very different worlds, his gallery in downtown Vancouver and a retreat in northwestern B.C.

The settings of both are reflected in a series of paintings by Chaplin titled The Art Nuko Show. Fifteen years in the making, the paintings depict nuclear explosions over the world's capital cities.

Chaplin is currently in an area of the world that could fulfill the prophecies of his art. He and writer/camera operator Randy Thomas arrived in Amman, Jordan on Jan. 20.

"Their goal is to help the world see the consequences of war," said Al Rycroft of the Greater Victoria Disarmament Group.

"Carl's art can have a deep impact on a person's psyche." Chaplin and Thomas have requested an audience with Jordan's ruler, King Hussein, and delivered a letter to him.

"We have come to Amman to bring our personal wish for peace," they said in the letter. So far, they have been unable to meet with the King but have had frequent contact with Jordan's Royal Science Advisor, Dr. Abdullah Toucan.

The two men have offered their services to assist in the clean up of the massive oil spill in the Persian Gulf.

They are coordinating with a North Vancouver company, ERV, and have contacted the German and Japanese governments for oil spill equipment.

"I am familiar with ERV technology," Thomas said in a press release. "[It is] world leading."

The pair were originally scheduled to return home on Jan. 26, but have decided to remain in the Middle East for the time being.

They are considering a move to Qatar near the United Arab Emirates.

"They are changing locations because the region they are in is very dangerous," Rycroft said. ❑

Profs support teach-in

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through telereg, he could not make that information available.

"The numbers are not easily interpreted" he said, because the same student may call for one course several times.

More funding for post-secondary education is one viable solution. But as Brad Levigne of the Canadian Federation of Students said, "Finance minister Michael Wilson has frozen the federal transfer payments — that means a loss of $35.8 million in one year."

Cull said, "we need accountability for federal transfer payments. The money is not being spent here on post-secondary education."

"Provincial governments, in their priority decisions, have failed to recognize the difference between an investment and an expense."

Without more government funding for new buildings, more room and more faculty, it is unlikely the overcrowding problem will be solved soon. As Levigne said, "students are paying for restraint in a big way." ❑

Board discusses thefts, cash

by Daniel Hughes

Burglars have already been foiled by the new alarm system in the SUB, the Students' Society Board of Directors were told at their Feb. 4 meeting.

On the first night the system was operational, there was an attempted break-in of the liquor stores, but the alarms sounded and the would-be thieves fled, said Brian Webster, administrative coordinator for the building.

Webster said the previous evening had been "somewhat confused. There were a large number of false alarms." The system was, however, fully functioning for the first time on the night of the break-in.

He also reported a larger than usual number of disturbances at Felicita's recently, with several fights breaking out. The bar's staff, said Webster, "are convinced it's the fault of the full moon."

Vice-President Academic Elizabeth Loughran warned the Board that the Feb. 18 meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) will once more deal with the issue of tuition.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it went up something substantial," Loughran said. "Something like eight per cent."

She said the Student Issues Action Committee will likely address the BoG about tuition hikes at the Feb. 18 meeting.

In other business, UVic President Strong indicated in a letter to the Board the university would guarantee a matching grant of $1.7 million towards SUB expansion.

For clubs or groups hoping for donations from the Society, there is no more money. Gary Hartford, vice-president finance, told the Board that a $200 disbursement to the Prelude Club, which produces a literary magazine on campus, was the last money available.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing notices of motion to be brought to the semi-annual General Meeting of the UVSS, which will be held Monday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. in the Cinecenta.

The purpose of the General Meeting is to ammend the UVSS constitution.

Two of Director Claire Heffernan's proposals for the General Meeting were controversial. Her suggestion of paying UVSS directors an honorarium prompted Director Marnie Jensen to say the motion was "not a good idea tactically."

Jensen said a referendum will be coming up asking students for a fee increase, and she did not want students to think the increase in UVSS fees was going into the directors' pockets.

Heffernan also wants nominees for executive positions to have completed at least 12 units of undergraduate study, a proposal Vice-President Services Russ Williams called "discriminatory."

Other motions going to the General Meeting include; changing the titles of executive positions (eg., President would become Chairperson) to reflect a less hierarchical structure, doing away with the October by-elections and forbidding UVSS candidates to distribute discriminatory campaign material. ❑

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NEWS

Senate to decide on teach-in

by Lisa Langford

Cancelling classes in order to hold a teach-in about the Gulf War is an action many students and faculty support.

Over 90 faculty members signed a letter supporting the teach-in.

UVic's administration, however, is refusing to take an official stance, and at press time the UVic Anti-war Coalition was asking the university Senate to cancel classes Feb. 14.

The coalition approached UVic president David Strong Monday, but he referred them to the February 6 Senate meeting and offered to raise the matter.

Strong said only the Senate has the authority to cancel classes for any reason except bad weather.

"They haven't cancelled classes in 27 years for anything ... not even the Vietnam war."

The students who spoke to Strong were not surprised by his response.

"He was supportive in an unofficial way," said student Bob Beck. "He personally can't cancel classes because the timetable is determined by Senate."

Stephen DeMeulenaere, another student, said if the university officially criticizes the war, it will appear to criticize the government.

"It would be imprudent for UVic to be critical of the government, at least until the Canadian military starts taking heavy losses. Then we might see more universities taking a greater role."

DeMeulenaere said although UVic did not close during the Vietnam war, the Gulf crisis is a different situation.

"Our troops were not in Vietnam."

The anti-war coalition discussed whether to seek the cancellation of classes or simply seek Senate endorsement. The members decided to request cancellation, but settle for endorsement.

"Our approach the whole way through has been to go through official channels," said Beck.

"There is mass ignorance about the Arab world and Arab-Western relations in particular. As the air war continues, the war is losing its place on the public agenda."

Beck said professors will not be forced to cancel classes. "Presumably, teachers will take their students' feelings into account.

"Missing classes is a minor inconvenience, but there are people getting the shit bombed out of them. Let's have a bit of perspective.

"I'm not trying to trivialize people's concerns, but when you compare the situation of North American students to that of people under attack in the Middle East, it's like day and night."

Coalition member and computer science professor Bill Wadge said it would be easier for teachers who plan to participate in the teach-in to have Senate cancel classes.

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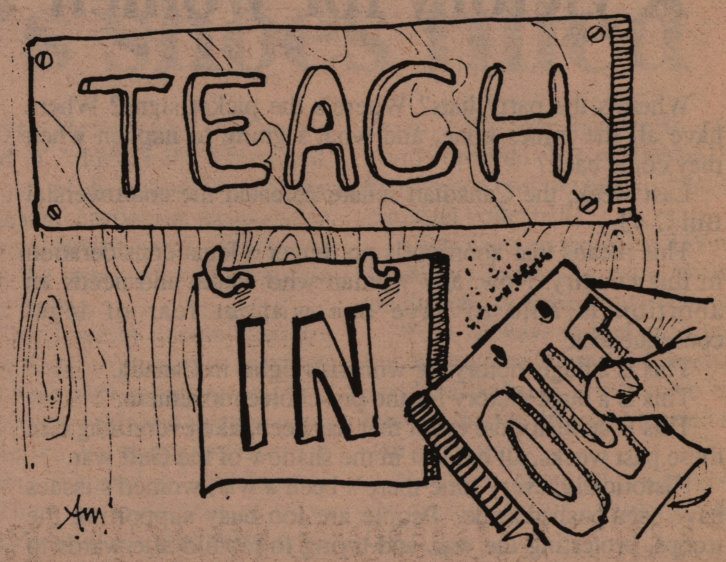

Professors speak out

Sirs/Madams:

It is said that naivete is a dangerous thing, especially concerning relations between states. We certainly agree. The naivete of those who have involved us in the war in the Persian gulf is deeply disturbing.

As university teachers, we try to teach our students that the truth is complex, and that it is dangerous to construe situations simply as struggles between good and evil. Our government seems determined to ignore these simple lessons.

There are many "truths" in the current war: of the people who have suffered under Saddam Hussein, and of those who look to him as the man who can unify the Arab nation; of those who fear the destruction of Israel, and the Palestinians who seek their own state; of the soldiers who fight for their countries, and the civilians who die under their bombs. As observers, we are conscious of other "truths", more deeply buried: the distortions of the petroleum economy, the legacy of western imperialism, the ancient hostility among Islam, Judaism and Christendom, the struggles for regional dominance and the opportunities they provide for great-power ambitions. We realize that present war has convinced millions of Arabs that the western powers are bent only on domination and exploitation, heedless of the destruction they cause, and hypocritical in their invocation of legal rules and moral principles that they disre-

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Concerns about interpretation of race UBC approves controversial policy

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Despite concerns about definitions and future interpretations, the University of British Columbia Senate passed a race relations policy Jan. 23.

The policy said UBC "is committed to ensuring that all members of the university community — students, faculty, staff and visitors — are able to study and work in an environment of tolerance and mutual respect that is free from harassment and discrimination."

A second statement, that "the University may initiate appropriate action against individuals or groups whose behavior amounts to discrimination or harassment or whose behavior threatens that environment of mutual respect and tolerance," was also passed.

Before voting, assistant law professor Philip Bryden warned there was a potential for conflict between the harassment and discrimination policy and the university's stand on academic freedom.

It may not be a wise opinion but is that something people should be disciplined for . . .

"Most U.S. universities that have introduced such a policy have immediately found a conflict between the broad notion of academic freedom and that of harassment and discrimination," he said. "I think the issue is to resolve this type of conflict."

In an interview after the meeting, Bryden gave the example of a student at the University of Michigan who stood up in a class and said homosexuality is a disease and can be treated.

While many gays may say the student is being discriminatory, others may think the student is expressing an academic point of view, Bryden said.

"It may not be a wise opinion but is that something people should be disciplined for or protected as an intellectual argument?" Bryden said.

The dean of law, Peter Burns, warned the real power of such a policy is going to be directed at students, including those who demonstrate against unpopular speakers.

"If someone comes in who is pro-apartheid and students demonstrate against him, we can use it (the policy) against those students," he said.

He added some of the terms used to define discrimination were redundant while others were open to abuse. He argued that disability, for example, could include lower than average intelligence.

And economics professor Robert Will pointed out a range of penalties and a judicial process have not been put in place to deal with complaints related to the policy.

"Right now, I don't think students have any idea of what is going to happen to them if they're found guilty," he said.

Although supporting the idea, student council ombudsperson Carole Forsythe said the Senate should word its definitions carefully.

"There are dozens, literally dozens of definitions, so they have to come up with a definition that suits the university campus that is both general and specific," she said. "Specific enough to cover academic guidelines and general enough to cover the university and all that happens here."

They have to come up with a definition that suits the university campus . . .

The original version of the policy included a definition of discrimination that was removed from the approved version which identified discrimination, "based upon ancestry, country of origin, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, creed, citizenship, age, or disability."

In passing the policy, the Senate asked the academic policy committee to strengthen the definitions used and to clarify the judicial process to be used when considering complaints.❑

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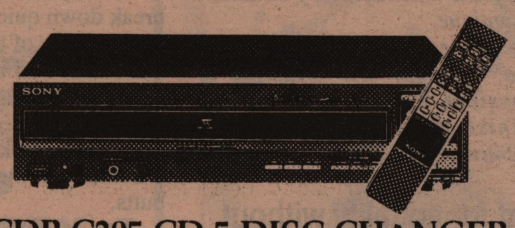

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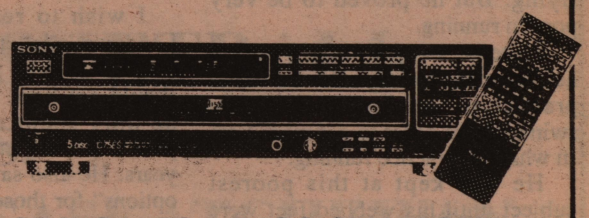

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EDITORIAL

A victory for women

Where's the party hats? Where's the picket signs? Where have all the issues gone, and what's going to happen when they come back?

Last week, the Canadian senate defeated the controversial Bill C-43.

This means that abortion is no longer a legal consideration in this country. Now, any woman who wants and needs an abortion is able to have one without fear of legal consequences.

This is a huge victory for women's rights in Canada.

This is a huge victory for the pro-choice movement.

This is an historical event that has been, like everything else these past weeks, all but lost in the shadow of the Gulf war.

Historically, every time there's been a war, women's issues have been pushed aside. People are too busy supporting the troops, protesting the war, and trying to rebuild afterwards to worry about things like pay equity, sexual abuse, or abortion.

No wonder nobody's bothered to say anything, good or bad, about this new, nonexisting law.

Although Bill C-43 is finished, it doesn't mean every woman will be able to have an abortion on demand. Access to abortion is still sorely limited.

Not all hospitals or doctors are willing to provide this service. Clinics, where they exist, are underfunded.

Not all women can afford to pay the clinic fees, or to travel to a city with an abortion clinic or a pro-choice hospital.

Access will be limited to a lucky few— but at least they won't be considered criminals for having control over their own bodies.

The death of Bill C-43 is doesn't mean the abortion controversy is over, however. When the war is over, and some R.E.A.L. woman decides it's time for Canadian women to "do their patriotic duty" and replenish the population, the fight will be back on the streets.

Clinic blockades. "Operation rescue." Anti-choice propaganda. Big fetus-photos pasted on billboards. "Have your baby or else" attitudes.

Some politicians say there won't be a new abortion bill for a few years. Others say it won't happen this generation.

No matter when it happens, count on there being people opposed to women's right to reproductive choice. The defeat of Bill C-43 is a victory— for now.

And in these days of forgotten issues and war-defined battles, this is one victory that really deserves a celebration.

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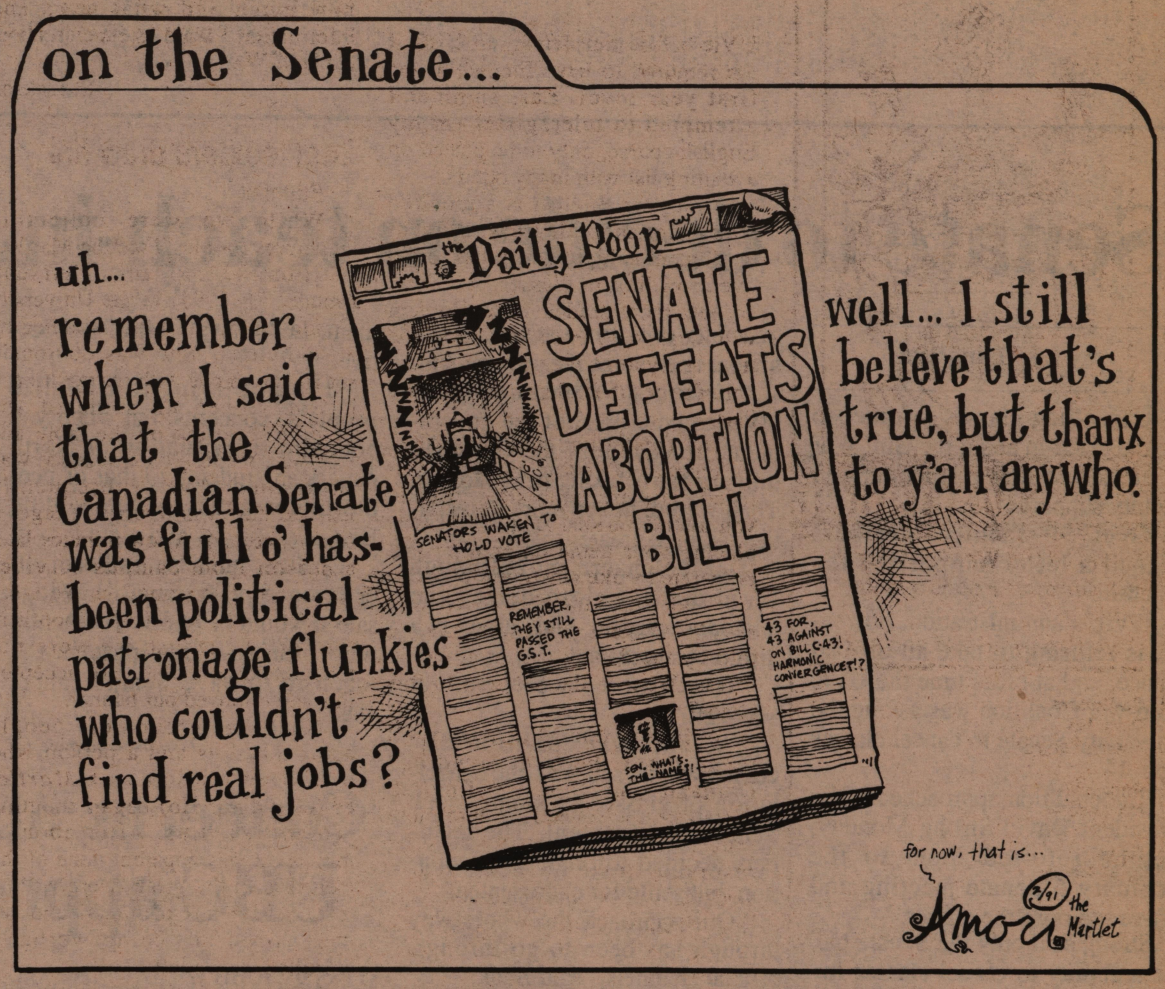
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The *Martlet* has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use *Martlet* machines), double spaced and include your name, student number and a phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 200 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Editors reserve the right to edit ruthlessly for length and libelous content. Deadline is Monday noon. Letters will be priorized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar.

Education is an animal farm

Editors:

I'm not sure of the origin of this story; it came onto my desk while teaching in Africa. But your readers may enjoy it.

Once upon a time the animals decided they must do something decisive to meet the increasing complexity of their society. They held a meeting and finally decided to organize a school.

The curriculum consisted of running, climbing, swimming and flying. Since these were the basic behaviours of most animals they decided all the students should take all the subjects.

The duck proved to be excellent at swimming; better, in fact, than his teacher. He also did very well in flying. But he proved to be very poor in running.

Since he was poor in this subject he was made to stay after school to practice it, and even had to drop swimming in order to get more time in which to practice running.

He was kept at this poorest subject until his webbed feet were so badly damaged that he became only average at swimming. But average was acceptable in the school, so nobody worried about that — except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of his class in running, but finally had a nervous breakdown because of so much make-up time in swimming, a subject he hated.

The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed a psychological block in flying class, when the teacher insisted he start from the ground, instead of from the tops of trees. He was kept at attempting to fly until he became muscle bound — and received a "C" in climbing and a "D" in running.

The eagle was the school's worst, discipline-wise. In climbing class, he beat all of the others to the top of the tree used for examination purposes in this subject, but refused to use the proper method of getting there.

The gophers, of course, stayed out of school and fought the tax levied for education, because digging was not included in the syllabus. They apprenticed their children to the badger, and later joined the groundhogs and eventually started a private school offering alternative education...

K. Orchard

Health plan helps many

Editors:

I wish to respond to Daniel Lundquist's letter (*Martlet*, Jan. 31) about the health plan. He thinks he should not have to pay for it since he only spent a few dollars on prescriptions in the past several years. He also says there are "other options" for those people who need to pay for their prescriptions.

I am one of those people. I have diabetes, and have to pay up to $100 a month for prescriptions. Fortunately the health plan pays for all the supplies I need. The only "other option" I have would be the MSA plan, which gives *partial* reimbursement for some prescriptions, at the end of a year, provided you have all the necessary forms, receipts, etc. I am extremely thankful for the health plan!

If this "majority" of people Mr. Lundquist spoke to were against the plan, why didn't they vote against it in the referendum?

I suppose Mr. Lundquist is also against universal medicare, since his taxes pay for other people's health care.

Iris Gray

Fashionable protestors annoy

Editors:

Last week I sat by a girl on the bus who was making very loud comments on her opinion of the war in the Gulf. I turned and asked her three things; 1) what exactly she was protesting 2) what exactly she hoped to accomplish by protesting the war and 3) why didn't she begin to protest before the war even began, when she could have actually made a difference?

Her answer to all three questions were "I dunno".

By no means am I saying all war protesters are uninformed people, but I believe a large majority are just out to jump on the ol' radical bandwagon.

The people I know who genuinely care about the consequences of the war were circulating petitions two months ago. I think these Benetton war protesters may be ignoring some key issues.

But hey, isn't it cool to paint big peace symbols on our faces?! And we can sing the same anti-war songs they used for Vietnam! Look, over there! Isn't that a *MARTLET* photographer?

Teresa McWhirter

Misinformed opinions abound

Editors:

I would like to praise the *Martlet* organization for its struggle to sever its ties to the UVSS. As far as I can see, it is the most admirable cause undertaken by *Martlet* staff and supporters this academic year. Autonomy is an essential step in the development of any newspaper that aspires to provide a voice and a forum to a particular readership, large or small.

A successful campaign by the *Martlet* will not only win autonomy for the newspaper, it will at last ensure a freedom of choice to UVic students, the people who have suffered most as a result of the way the *Martlet* is financed. Once the *Martlet* no longer receives the indirect funding of students via the UVSS, it can finally claim its independence; and accordingly, it can begin to sell its papers in order to replace the lost income.

This must be the result of the "autonomy" envisioned by the *Martlet*'s editors. This is the way the real world operates.

Newspapers such as the *Globe and Mail* must attempt to appeal to (and not repel) a readership in order to sell papers and continue to advance its views, if that indeed is its desire. People who purchase the *Globe and Mail* do so at will, and their dollars speak their approval. An entire population, encompassing both supporters and critics, is not taxed to subsidize the *G&M*'s publication. I am not convinced that the same can be said for the *Martlet*.

I trust the achievement of autonomy for the *Martlet* will eliminate this small yet frustrating tyranny at UVic by returning the right of choice to the students. Once the *Martlet* has realized its goals, as it deserves to do, only those people who enjoy relentless left-wing editorial tirades, blatant boycott policies, and weekly insults to the ideal of objectivity should continue to keep the *Martlet* in business. I for one look forward to the day when I won't be forced to pay a cent of my money to strengthen the soap-box foundations upon which the *Martlet* rests.

Mark Koepke

Editors' note: The Martlet *is the official newspaper of the Students' Society. With student approval through a referendum, it will be directly funded by a $2.50 levy. Should the autonomy question fail, the present unsatisfactory situation will continue.*

To charge students individually for a copy of the Martlet *is impossible because the administrative costs would be prohibitive.*

Fight for equality without hate

Editors:

As a female living in our society, I firmly support the equal rights movement for women. Although most high-paying executive jobs are male dominated, there are many new doors open for women.

The miraculous strides made in the last 20 years are due to the dedication and hard work of many radical feminists; however, recently it has become apparent this fight for equal rights is turning into a male-bashing battle of the sexes.

Because of comments I have heard around the UVic campus and some letters I have seen in *The Martlet*, I feel many feminists are losing focus of the original goal of equality by turning on members of the opposite sex.

The word feminist is becoming synonymous with "man hater." This animosity towards men makes it even more difficult for equal rights to be achieved.

Instead of women resenting men and men feeling threatened by women, the two groups need to work together to reach equality.

Achieving equality for women is very important, but we all must be careful not to infringe upon the rights of men while attempting to reach this goal.

Shiral Tobin

Move your butts

Editors:

I am generally impressed by the cleanliness of the grounds at UVic but there is nothing worse than sitting down on the grass and realizing you are being surrounded by a plethora of cigarette butts.

Cigarette butts litter our beaches, parks, and bus stops. They are everywhere. Why is it people are so concerned with not littering, but when it comes to throwing a cigarette butt on the ground it is not a big deal?

Cigarette butts are so small it is a dirty and unpleasant job to have to pick them up. Maybe when people thoughtlessly throw them down they think they are unnoticeable or will break down quickly.

The truth of the matter is they are noticeable and it takes a number of years for a butt to completely break down. I would just like to ask cigarette smokers to think about where else they could put there butts.

This is obviously not one of the major crises of the world but I think if people stopped throwing all their garbage on the ground, it would make where we live all that more pleasant.

And besides, it is just one of those things that picks my butt.

Marie Morrison

Student tired of waiting

Editors:

I am a second year student completing my pre-requisites at

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UVic before transferring to UBC. I am required to have English at the first year level. Last summer I attempted to teleregister for my English course, only to be placed on a waiting list with many others.

First year English is a required course for most degrees. Student enrollment is high, which has led to overcrowding in classes. As UVic accepts more students the problem will escalate. Prior to September the telereg system was aware of the abundance of students on waiting lists.

The frustration continues when the chances of getting into your wait listed class are impossible. Instead you attend various English classes, placing your name on another list, desperate to take any time slot.

I understand the classes can only hold 30 students, and professors are told by the department to allow no extras. What is the solution to this chaos?

Write to your M.L.A. and tell them about the overcrowding? Demand they fund the English Department adequately to hire more professors? This problem must be resolved now, or next year's students will be unable to complete English courses within the year.

Janet Wilson

Don't cancel my classes

Editors:

I would like to express my displeasure with the proposed "teach-in" for Feb. 14. From what I understand, professors have been encouraged to set aside their course material and to use classroom time to enlighten the students on various issues relevant to the Gulf War.

I have a heavy workload and am struggling to find the time to complete all of my assigned work while studying for upcoming midterms, as well as attempting to begin research for term papers.

I know I am not the only one in this situation, and it concerns me that I could end up with six hours of discussion about the Gulf War on Feb. 14. Class lecture time is valuable, particularly now so near to midterms.

This opinion in no way reflects my views and concerns about the war in the Persian Gulf, only my outrage at the audacity of others to attempt to deprive me of the lecture time I pay for and to infer I am ignorant about the issues surrounding this tragic turn of events and therefore need to be "enlightened."

I, like many others, read newspapers and magazines and listen to the news and am confident in my ability to absorb what I learn and to form an educated opinion. I hope my professors continue with their regular course material next Thursday and allow me to select how much and what news and information I want to receive about the Gulf War.

S. Jackson

Lost tempers draw fire

Editors:

While we were collecting signatures for our "Free the Martlet" petition, (11:45 am, Thursday January 31, 1991) in the University Centre Lobby, we were assaulted by an individual who was obviously not in agreement with our position.

She ripped up some of the petitions laid out on the table and left when Campus Security was summoned (we subsequently learned she was Sherryl Yeager a *Martlet* editor). A few minutes later a person from campus services arrived and informed us we were not permitted to set up a booth in the lobby because we were not recognized as a club. We accepted this and removed our banner.

Next, a group of people approached us and a person who identified himself as a *Martlet* editor (Oliver Ho) began shouting profanities at us. After about 5 minutes it was apparent none of the members in the group were willing to consider our proposal and we were tired of being verbally assaulted, so we left.

How can we give autonomy to a paper that is represented by two paid editors who approach dissenting viewpoints in such a violent and unprofessional manner?

Tim Pelton
Dean Coder

Editors' note: This version is entertaining, but it fails to mention how these men grabbed one of the co-editors when she picked up their petitions. They were belligerent, uninformed, and misrepresented The Martlet *to students.*

Student assaulted by peaceniks

Editors:

As a recent graduate of the university and now a part-time student, I never imagined one day any of my fellow students would make me feel ashamed of being a student here. The shame arises from a sickening display by six students on Jan. 31.

I realize these students don't represent the opinions of the entire student body, but they make the rest of us look bad — if we care to admit it or not.

I was outside the SUB with my boyfriend, a member of the navy. He was wearing his navy jacket with the name of his ship on it — Restigouche.

As we neared this group of four guys and two girls, one of the girls commented, "He looks good in that jacket, but how do you think he'll look in a body bag?" Their response was laughter.

One of the guys called out, "Hey buddy, you better enjoy your life while you still have it." He then spit at my boyfriend. Again laughter.

Their comments were cruel, cowardly and disgusting, but spitting at an individual just because he is in the military is despicable and unforgivable. Even more despicable was the laughter of the others, one of whom wore a peace sign necklace.

I was and still am angry and appalled by the behavior of these students. Why did they do it? For some "harmless" fun and a few laughs?

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Petitions over, struggle continues

by James MacKinnon

Lime green was the colour of winter around the *Martlet* this year. Spring has kissed it goodbye.

The petitions to support a referendum on *Martlet* autonomy, coloured like the scourge of scurvy itself, and filled with over 1,300 signatures, are proof students are ready to consider the issue seriously.

The UVSS BoD approved the referendum question, and a date to coincide with UVSS elections.

And it feels good.

Of course, most *Martlet* staff members would sooner saw off an arm than go petitioning again, but the vast number of students and staff who we contacted through the process more than made up for the difficulties.

The key hurdles have been cleared. The staff, working diligently in the background, has prepared a constitution and begun establishing guidelines for autonomous financial control.

One long step remains; the approval of the student body in the elections in late March. From the responses of the signees, the *Martlet* has every reason to be optimistic.

Students signing the petitions have, overwhelmingly, been curious, even argumentative. As the year progressed, many were aware of the issue and signed before staff could begin schmoozing.

Eventually, even the most argumentative of individuals signed, reflecting a willingness to listen and to make a sound judgement based on facts.

The problem, the frustrating, gnawing, consuming hassle, has been the people who entertain the notion they can make sound judgements on the future of this paper without bothering to research the most basic elements of the student press.

Some opposition has been relatively thoughtful. Some people despise certain editorial elements of the *Martlet*, some even loathe the financial changes of autonomy.

Occasionally these people have approached the *Martlet*, gathered information, and then presented their very real concerns to the staff, despite the initial impression SUB 109 is an intimidating place.

Others have read an article or two, formulated an idea on how they'd run things, and then written hateful and often misinformed letters, or threatened to assault the autonomy campaign.

Such actions cheat the *Martlet* of whatever puny dollop of respect it deserves. These people criticize the "agenda" of the *Martlet*. Naturally, they have agendas of their own, and wish to impose a sort of Times-Colonist style bias on the paper.

That's fine. If they work hard enough, they may, in fact, one day defeat the unique function of the student press.

Others may alter that function, diversify and enrich it, with opinions that are not yet recognized as reasonable.

But nobody will manage any such alterations by ignoring the experience and needs of the staff, and acting in misinformed, ridiculous isolation.

The *Martlet*, regardless of how the autonomy drive concludes, will continue to be funded by the students of UVic.

The students and their representatives need a free press. So autonomy will be in your face, on your lap, not in the background sniping in the intellectual dark.

Watch for the lime-green again. This time it will be a ballot. Please, vote yes. ❑

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NATIONAL NEWS

Cavalry charge to save loan system

HALIFAX (CUP)- A veritable posse of education ministers will ride into Ottawa Feb. 25, hoping to rescue Canada's badly wounded student aid system.

The Council of Ministers of Education will try to persuade Secretary of State Gerry Weiner the Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) is "in serious need of reform."

Major student lobby groups feel the federal Tory government is the bad guy, having let the CSLP stagnate to the point where it is of no use for many people and inadequate for others.

"Our biggest fight right now is to keep the federal government involved in (funding) education at all," said Jane Arnold, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

CFS, which represents over 400,000 college and university students, has called for a national system of grants to ensure equal access regardless of economic background, to be paid for by corporate funds. But given the Tory record on post-secondary education, Arnold said she's "being realistic."

The CSLP, created in 1964 on the premise that "inadequate finances should not prohibit people from attending college or university," has been in a time warp since the 1984-85 academic year. Despite inflation, allowable expenses such as rent, food and bus fare have remained frozen.

A committee created by the government recommended in January 1989 that the program be revamped and allowances be increased. But the government ignored its suggestions and has hired a private firm to do an "independent study."

The Conservatives have also capped transfer payments to the provinces for two years, and plan to reduce them after that. These funds, given to the provinces for health and education, account for more than 50 per cent of university funding.

Arnold said while presenting CFS's position on the cuts to a Senate committee last week, she was astounded by its tenuous grasp of the situation.

"One senator said there are too many students, and by cutting the number of students, we can cut down the crisis our universities are facing. What kind of attitude is that?" she said.

Meanwhile in Nova Scotia, an internal government report has backed up the grim assessment by the provinces and student groups of the CSLP.

The report, prepared by the province's advisory committee on student aid, uses data from Statistics Canada to suggest that for many students in Nova Scotia, a university education is an impossible dream.

"It backs up what we've been saying all along," said Jeff Phelps, chair of the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

The report examines students in a variety of financial situations and concludes attending university in Nova Scotia "requires significantly more funds than are available" through the province's bursary program, CSLP and family savings.

It notes 57 per cent of families in Nova Scotia make less than $40,000 and can't save money to contribute to their children's education.

One "disturbing" case study points out that even a student from a family making $45,000 would not be able to attend university using all available resources. If the student received the maximum loan and provincial bursary and could get a summer job, he or she would still face a shortfall of $1,564 annually.

Another case study concludes a single parent on social assistance with two children would face a $6,088 annual shortfall: attending university would "obviously be an impossibility." And that estimate assumes the student could get a subsidized daycare space.

"Daycare is the biggest problem for single parents. The situation is awful," said Lynn MacMichael, who chairs SUNS' child care committee. She added the last person who held her position had to quit school because she couldn't even find unsubsidized spaces at her university.

The report also details the negative effects that poor summer employment prospects and debt loads have on the number of students able to use the aid system.

SUNS chair Phelps said the report, along with "hard numbers" expected soon from a comprehensive student survey, should "put the ball in the government's court."

"If not, it's a hell of a weapon to mobilize demonstrations and rallies," he said.

Nova Scotia education minister Joel Matheson said the report "is still under review," but noted there is a consensus among the education ministers.

Jane Arnold agreed and went considerably further.

"The way things are going, they are creating a system where only the elite, only the rich will be able to attend," she said. ❑

Arab, Jewish speakers shut out

OTTAWA (CUP) — Tensions are running high within anti-war coalitions in Vancouver and Ottawa over the role of Arab-Canadian and Jewish students within their groups.

End the Arms Race (EAR) — a coalition of more than 200 anti-war groups — did not allow Arab-Canadian representatives to speak at a Jan. 26 Vancouver rally.

On the same day the Carleton Anti-War Coalition allowed Jews for Peace to speak at a demonstration, but barred them from addressing the issue of a Palestinian homeland.

An estimated 10,000 demonstrators gathered at the Vancouver Art Gallery to listen to a variety of speakers, none of whom were of Arab descent.

Mazen Sukkarie, a University of British Columbia student of Arab descent and a founding member of Hope for Peace on Earth (HOPE), said she was concerned with the exclusion of Arab-Canadians from the speakers list.

"We would like to share our thoughts and beliefs with others, no matter what race, religion or color they are, as long as they seek peace," he said.

EAR president Frank Kennedy said his group feared that Arab voices may have spoken in favor of Saddam Hussein, creating a rift in the anti-war movement.

Kennedy said EAR wanted to avoid becoming embroiled in the Arab-Israeli dispute, fearing it would shift the focus of the rally from the Gulf war. Doing so would have "kept people away, rather than drawing them in," he said.

He said EAR draws a "fair amount of support from sectors of the Jewish community," and did not want to alienate them.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, the Carleton Anti-War Coalition continues to debate its approach to spreading the message for peace in the Middle East.

During a heated debate on Jan. 24, the very purpose of the coalition was questioned.

Allie Irvine, chair of Carleton's New Democratic Youth, said she was angry the coalition was thinking about denying Jewish students the chance to speak at the demo. She added that a few individuals were deciding the coalition's actions.

An impassioned Denise Lachance, another member of the coalition, countered that the coalition's goals are only "Canadian troops out of the Gulf" and "no blood for oil."

"The question of Israel is a divisive issue," Lachance said, adding that she did not want Arabs upset.❑

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Citizens' forum is inappropriate venue to discuss native issues

by Sherryl Yeager

Land claims and aboriginal rights were dominant topics when the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future visited UVic Feb. 4, but it was not the proper vehicle to address these problems, said native student Sharon Bird.

"I really didn't feel any confidence in the process at all," said Bird. She was one of nine panelists at UVic who spoke to the forum,

"It isn't in the government's economic interests to conduct an inquiry into land claims or aboriginal rights."

which is holding public meetings throughout the country to collect and focus people's views of Canada's future.

The Citizens' Forum, also known unofficially as the Spicer Commission, was "doomed from the beginning," said Bird.

"It is being used as a tool for the politicians to quantify democracy. Now they can say they gave an opportunity for ordinary citizens to say what they thought."

Bird said she found the panelists' discussion lacked direction as well as a solid origin on what were the givens in society. She would have preferred a more structured discussion to have arisen out of what the panelists first agreed were the background issues and problems.

A forum where panelists address commissioners is not a proper method for approaching native issues, said Bird.

"Rather than trying to assimilate native people and force them into a (non-native) system, Canadians should focus their energy on co-existence and how is it going to be accomplished," Bird said.

"Trying to force native people to work within the white system is like having a group of vegetarians who live in a house being approached by someone from the street who says `I want the same lifestyle but I want to eat meat.'

"Canada is doing the same thing. The government is saying `we have democracy and for you to have the same lifestyle you must have the same democracy.' Native people already have a system in

"People don't know and aren't aware of the historical situation."

place to make decisions in our communities."

The differences between native and non-native perceptions is evident when Bird's views are compared with forum Commissioner Susan Van De Velde's.

Van De Velde said in an interview that she had observed a "tremendous lack of understanding about native issues," in her travels across the country with the forum.

"People don't know and aren't aware of the historical situation and are not prepared to discuss the issues," said Van De Velde.

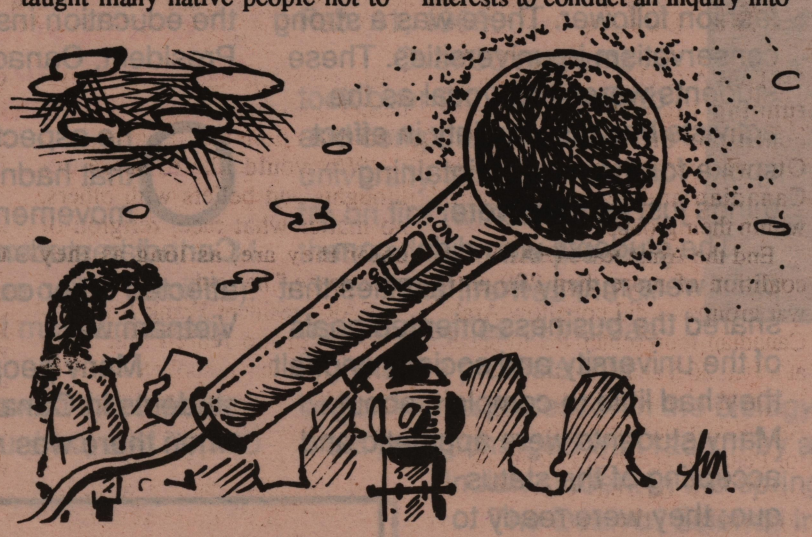
This lack of knowledge even extended to native students, who did not know enough historical information to defend themselves during forum meetings, she said.

Van De Velde said she felt more information about native history is needed and the education curriculum should be adapted to present more than a Eurocentric view of North American history.

But Bird said one of the major problems with the education system is non-tribal people interpreting the behaviour of native children.

"The teachers think a quiet child is not knowledgeable on the issues. One of the complaints of teachers is that native children don't speak out, so they don't know if they are comprehending."

But the silence is due to the native custom of accepting what elders say and not questioning things until children are older, Bird said. Also, the mission schools many native children attended taught many native people not to



question authority, she added.

Both women felt native issues are something that must be addressed.

Van De Velde said Oka brought the land claims issue to the fore.

"The Canadian public is much more aware of the level of frustration native people are feeling. It's a simmering pot and one day the lid is going to blow," she said.

When the forum visited mixed native and non-native communities, racism and non-native concern over retaining land was much more evident, said Van De Velde.

"As a commissioner I've gotten a much deeper appreciation of native issues since I joined the forum. I am appalled and ashamed of the treatment natives have received over the years."

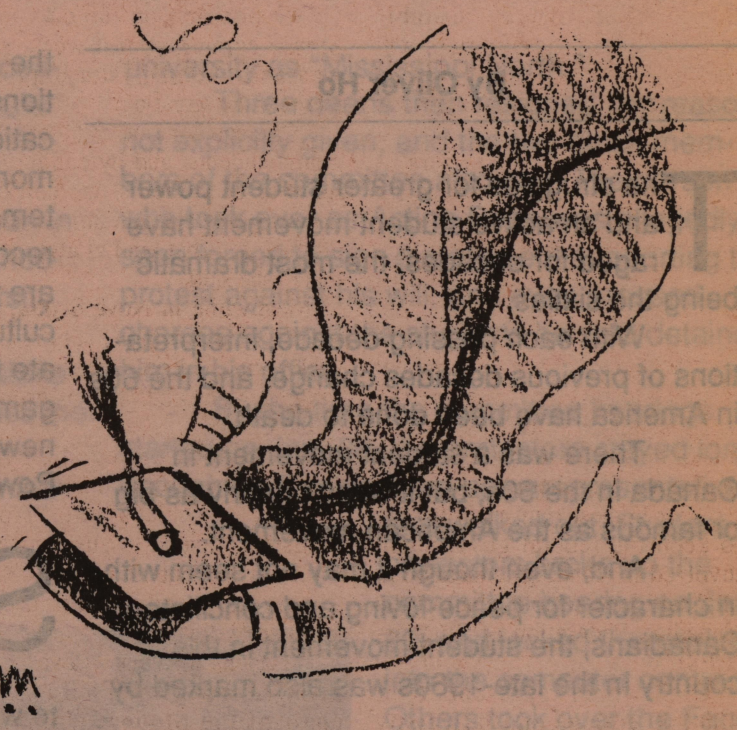
When the forum was first set up many native groups boycotted it. They said a Royal Commission into the land claims issue had been promised by the federal government, and felt the forum was an attempt to defuse the issue.

The government said the intent of the forum was merely to facilitate discussion at the grass-roots level, and a Commission will be held later and native people are now taking an active role, she said.

But Bird does not think the Royal Commission will ever be established.

"It is not in their economic interests to conduct an inquiry into land claims or aboriginal rights. There is enough evidence in the archives and history and other sources to prove the wrong-doings of the past.

"It is going to cost a lot of money, and they won't do it because of that. The alternative is to look for a process for co-existence." ❑



System built for whites
Schools face crisis

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) — When Robert Berube finished grade school at age 13, he and a dozen of his friends were bussed from their small northern Quebec native reserve to the nearest high school.

But two years later, the daily 30 kilometre trips came to an end.

"I dropped out," Berube said. "I hated it. I hated the travelling, I hated the school, the teachers and the students. Everything. I never felt right being there."

Berube was one of thousands of Quebec native students who drop out of the province's high schools every year.

Native leaders point to the alarming 85 per cent high school drop-out rate in some native communities as proof the largely non-native controlled school system does not suit their needs.

On average, two-thirds of Quebec native students leave high- school before graduating, according to the First Nations Education Council. The Quebec Ministry of Education reports only 19 per cent of the non-native population drops-out before getting a diploma.

Only one in 12 Native students in Quebec will get to the post-secondary level, while 25 per cent of non-native students will be able to go on to university.

Native leaders say many forces within the education system, such as underfunding and institutionalized racism, are at the root of the crisis.

"It's a system built for whites," said Lise Bastien, president for the First Nations Education Council. "The curriculum, the teaching materials, all ignore the history of the first nations, their values, and their specific needs."

Bastien said a restructuring of the education system would also have to educate non-natives about aboriginal issues.

Children will very often leave the grade school on their reserve well-prepared and full of confidence. But once they enter a non-

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WHERE HAVE ALL TH

- A Retro-Retrospective o

By Oliver Ho

The struggles for greater student power and an active student movement have raged for decades, the most dramatic being the sixties.

With each passing decade, interpretations of previous decades change, and the 60s in America have been done to death.

There was a student movement in Canada in the 60s, but it wasn't nearly as big or famous as the American movement.

And, even though it may not seem within character for peace-loving and conciliatory Canadians, the student movement in this country in the late-1960s was also marked by

sit-ins, protests, violence and riots.

There were many more such actions in the United States, and more glamourous ones. But, for a country with a much lower population Canada did have a share of the action on the sixties' Student Power scene.

Many times, however, the Canadian movement seemed to waver between being a force for social change with goals specific to this country and a sloganeering imitation of American student activists.

When protests focussed on Canadian issues, they were often directly linked to specific places and events. The protests brought to light some of the country's oldest social problems, many of which are still around today.

The following is a brief overview of some of the issues surrounding the Canadian student movement of the 60s, and a few of Canada's largest student protests.

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Our children are growing up in a world where there are thousands of atom bombs, where our lakes and rivers are polluted, where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, where there is a massive population explosion, and we're not saying anything about it in our courses." —Charles Bigelow, Professor at the University of Western Ontario, Toronto Star editorial, 1968.

"The cry is to change courses, change the nature of university and school administrations, change the context and direction of education and its sphere of availability. This is more than a protest within an education system. It is a desire to change society and a recognition that the schools and universities are the most sensitive institutions in our whole culture; they mould, they acculturate, they create the next generation, the next world. The gamble, the bid for power, is for the future, a new future." — Julyan Reid, editor, Student Power and the Canadian Campus, 1969.

Students questioned the entire structure of the university in the 60s, and raised issues that are still pressing today.

The courses offered were not relevant to world-issues and did not question society enough, students said. The universities seemed controlled by government and corporate interests, and students questioned the make-up of their Boards of Governors.

Not everyone was a New Left politico, or a peace-and-groovy-love fashion follower. There was a strong conservatism in universities. These students weren't as vocal as the activists because society in effect spoke for them by maintaining things just as they were.

The students who didn't complain were mainly from faculties that shared the business-oriented goals of the university and society, and felt they had little to complain about. Many students were apathetic and accepting of the status quo; they were ready to rise in a system they had been trained for.

The student movement in Canada grew almost directly from the nuclear disarmament protests of the late 1950s. In the United States, however, the movement developed out of radical pacifist groups and civil rights activists.

The 60s student movement protested against three general issues. First was the increasing depersonalisation of the universities and education, which was caused by a sudden growth in the number of students.

As well, the increasing connections between university administrations and faculties with large businesses and government was a source of discontent. And, as always, there was the issue of power. At school and in society, students were treated as morally and politically incompetent to make high-level decisions. The students felt it was time they were a part of the decision-making process.

"Romantics would have us believe that the university was once an ivory tower, a place of peace and intellectual nirvana where the university of knowledge transcended all national claims to cultural allegiance and the need for trained men. In fact, the universities in most countries produced men trained for the church or government (neither one hardly intellectually objective occupations) and also provided intellectual enrichment for the idle rich. At the same time, the university supported scholars and dissenters in their search for truth." — Julyan Reid.

Peace-and-love could only go so far in a society that didn't support it, and by the end of the 60s it had been overtaken by exploitation-for-cash and violence.

"Students must gain decision-making power with regard to curriculum, methods of instruction and methods of examination ... Ultimately, a student power movement in Canada must be an anti-imperialist struggle from within the education institutions." — Pete Warren, President, Canadian Union of Students,

One aspect of the student movement that hadn't been present in earlier movements was its internationality. Canadian students protested events that affected other countries, the biggest being the Vietnam war.

Many people couldn't understand why students in Canada would worry about the war when there was no draft in Canada, but the

Radicalis

Robert Cooper

Uvic as a hotbed of radical 60s activism?

Maybe, but it sure didn't start that way.

A quick glance through past issues of the Martl gives an idea as to how students in Victoria change with the times.

Don Poirer of the Socialist Party of Canad delivered an outdoor presentation at UVic in 1963 con cerning the perfect socialism of the ancient Seminol Indian tribe.

He was greeted by an audience of approxi mately 100 jeering UVic students.

Things still hadn't changed in some ways b early 1965.

A Martlet writer poked fun at academic sympo siums from the early 60s in an article on March 1 1965 entitled "Beards, Berets, and Baggy Pants."

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E GOOD TIMES GONE?

f student power in Canada

60s student movement had an international scope.

Several "manifestos" of time professed the supremacy of common (global) welfare over partial interests, and of humanity over politics. Students protested because Canada was part of the Western world that supported the fighting against Vietnam.

Unfortunately, the repetitive sloganeering of students copying American movements often did more harm than good by placing other issues in public focus and not placing enough emphasis on Canadian problems.

Most of the issues that drew protests in Canada involved large universities in Ontario and Quebec and one strong Canadian issue that was raised regarded the availability of university education.

A survey done by the Canadian Union of Students in 1965/66 showed most students were from upper and middle class

Students must gain decision-making power with regard to curriculum, methods of instruction and methods of examination ...

backgrounds (64 per cent, compared to the 34 per cent who came from `blue collar' families).

In Quebec that meant most university students were anglophones.

A 1968/69 survey showed there were 31,386 french students in Quebec, and 20,740 english students. According to the 1961 census, however, 308,024 francophones would have been of student age by 1968/69 compared to 40,408 anglophones.

For every anglophone young person in Quebec at the time there were seven francophones. But for every anglophone university student there were 1.5 francophones.

Access questions brought discussions of racism and equality to campuses across the country.

Students brought claims of discrimination against foreign students, students from visible ethnic groups, women and native students to their university administrations, which led to some of the largest protests the country had ever seen.

The largest of the time was the computer centre "party" at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) in Montreal on Feb. 11, 1969.

Over 30 students took over the Faculty Club and computer centre at the university, and set the centre on fire (almost killing themselves in the process).

The fire was the climax in a series of increasingly tense protests that began with a professor in the biology department being charged with racism by a West Indian student in the spring of 1968.

The Dean of Science investigated the charges, but decided they had no substance. Unfortunately, the Dean didn't formally communicate his decision or his reasons to the complainant and the issue simmered over the summer.

During that summer, two large conferences took place in Montreal: the Black Writers' Conference and the Hemisphere Conference to End the War in Vietnam. Both emphasized the Black Power movement from the United States.

By December, 1968, the tension aroused by the seemingly unheard complaint caused five black students to occupy the office chair of the biology department. Other students took over the university principal's office.

The students wanted the charged professor to be dismissed, and they only agreed to leave if the charges would be aired to a committee of five faculty members that were chosen on the spot (made up of two white members, two black members, and one West Indian member).

Over the following few weeks, much of the university was in an uproar over the events. Some protestors began referring to the university as "Mississippi North."

Three deans then resigned, for reasons not explicitly given, and the two black members of the committee also quit. The person who took over as Acting Dean was allegedly soon forced to sign a statement supporting the protest against his will, and even pressed charges against the students he said detained him in his office.

By the time the committee hearings started on Jan. 26, the protestors stayed long enough to dismiss them as unrepresentative and walked out. Student protestors broke up the committee hearing on Jan. 29, and locked themselves into the computer centre. Others took over the Faculty Club.

The fire on Feb. 11 caused over $2.5 million damage. The entire university's budget for the year was approximately $5 million.

About 50 students were arrested and later charged.

In March of 1969 several thousand students marched on campus at McGill, another Montreal university, demanding it become a French-language university.

The demonstration happened at the same time a popular lecturer and self-avowed Marxist activist accused of disrupting administration meetings was in the process of being fired.

Not all campus protests pulled crowds numbering in the thousands, but things happened across the country (even the University of Victoria — see sidebar).

Peace-and-love could only go so far in a society that didn't support it, and by the end of the 60s it had been overtaken by exploitation-for-cash and violence.

The history of the movement seems like a pendulum, moving from the campus into the community, where the general apathy of the population forces it back onto the campus. The successive defeats and partial victories of the protestors frustrated many to the point of inactivity.

The following decade was a relatively calm period. The 1980s, however, saw an increase not only in student activism, but in louder-voiced conservatism as well.

Several student protest groups managed to pressure universities to divest their interests from South Africa when that was the issue of the day. On the other side, the more conservative students became just as vocal and active.

The 90s have started with a war. The potential for a powerful student movement is high, but these are not the 60s: these are weirder times and it is harder to predict what is going to happen.

n at UVic ?

But by late 1965 things turned around. UVic led the nation with the highest percentage of student turnout for a nationwide march in support of increased aid for higher education.

Over 600 students, amounting to 20 per cent of UVic's student population, marched on downtown Victoria.

Berkely-style mass meetings took place on campus in 1966 to combat student apathy.

In February of 1967, 2,000 Victoria marchers turned out to protest provincial Education Minister Leslie Peterson's "Waffle - Words" concerning the government's policies towards higher education.

In October, 1968, Yippie leader Jerry Rubin attracted 2,000 students to an impromptu meeting on the lawns outside the SUB.

Armed with the slogan "Rise up and abandon the creeping meatball," the personable Rubin enchanted UVic students. Forgetting his scheduled one hour lunch lecture, Rubin instead spoke to the group for over two hours and then conducted informal discussions for the rest of the day with interested students.

He rambled through topics ranging from the New Left, cops and oppression, American concentration camps and how he would participate in the American election.

"We are going to put LSD into the drinking water. We are going to urinate in the voting booths. We are going to hang American flags on every house so no one will know where the polling places are," Rubin said.

During the FLQ crisis in October, 1970, the Martlet printed the War Measures Act, followed by the FLQ Manifesto, pictures of the prisoners the FLQ demanded freed and short descriptions of their crimes.

The army attempted to confiscate Martlet bundles soon after that issue came out, but were too late.

So, while UVic may not have been a mecca of student activity in the 60's, it certainly played a significant role in the Canada's student movement.❑

ENTERTAINMENT

Tales of Blonde ambition

by Oliver Ho

The music industry is filled with stereotypical images of women, and women in rock bands. But Johnette Napolitano, lead singer and bassist for Hollywood's Concrete Blonde does not fit the mold.

"I don't really think about it that much," she said. "It doesn't really affect us."

And with all the success of their new album, Bloodletting, she said she hasn't felt any pressure to change her image.

"That's really why I'm on the label I'm on (I.R.S.). There was only one point when I shaved my head that they got upset, (but) they realised they had no right to really get upset, so it's cool."

Concrete Blonde will play at the Royal Theatre on Feb. 11.

In a telephone interview from Los Angeles, Napolitano said the band is very much the same as it was before all the fame.

"I don't really think we've consciously changed anything," she said. "Anything that has changed has really been an accident. Jim (Mankey) and I are still playing together and we still sound like us when we play."

"Different people have come and gone but it's basically been us, (and) we're lucky to have Paul Thompson."

Thompson, ex-drummer for Roxy Music, joined the band last summer when Harry Rushakoff, their previous drummer, left unexpectedly.

The band's last show with Rushakoff was in London the night before they were set to go into the studio to work on their new album, but the drummer left the next day.

"We didn't know but Paul had been there to see us."

Their producer, Chris Tsnagarides, told them Thompson had been there, and suggested calling him.

"We were really excited ... we

were Roxy Music fans, and he came in to play on the record that day. It was just great. It was just perfect and we were really grateful."

"Harry ... just had some problems, and he just wasn't happy. We all agreed he should go, so he did, and by a fluke we got Paul the next day. So, it's all worked out."

"It wasn't an intentional thing. We didn't know Harry was going to be out, but when Paul came in it made all the difference in the world."

When the band started, they were a trio, with Napolitano playing bass, Mankey on guitar and Rushakoff on drums.

"On the second one we'd gotten a bass player (Bloch) because I wanted to hear how it sounded," said Napolitano.

"I thought someone else could do a better job but it didn't turn out to be true. Alan was a really good bass player, but I liked my playing better. I have a style of my own and it does work. It makes us sound like who we are instead of just like everybody else."

Napolitano writes most of the lyrics and music for the band.

"I'm doing a lot of it lately. (But) I'm trying to get Jim to do more."

Mankey wrote the music for the 1989 single "God is a Bullet", and 1986's "True."

Compared to their first album, the songs on Bloodletting are considerably more personal and dark.

"It's just me, I think," she said. "I think it's just general time and experience."

"I don't really know where it comes from, nowhere specific. It's just the way everything tends to turn out."

"I like to have a mood about everything and they just come out that way."

Throughout the new album, vampire images recur (The Vampire Song, Love is a Vampire).

"I don't take it all that seriously. I had read a couple of Anne Rice books and I just think she's amazing. I think she's really away with the imagery and it just makes for a good song."

"It's metaphorical on one hand, and it just makes good pictures on the other."

The album also features a cover of "Tomorrow, Wendy," which was written by Andy Prieboy.

Prieboy, ex-lead singer for Wall of Voodoo, will open for Concrete Blonde on their west coast tour.

"I like to do covers," said Napolitano. "I kind of like to do contemporary songs. There's good material written by young people who are still alive.

"I just felt it was a great song, for one thing, and it deserved doing." ❑

Schoolwork on stage

by Jeanine Soodeen

It's not often that playwrighting students have an opportunity for their workshop material to hit the stage.

But Scott Clarke will get two chances this weekend, when two of his one-act plays premiere at the Kaleidoscope studios Feb. 9 and 10.

Clarke, a fourth year student in UVic's Creative Writing department, has already had two plays produced at the Phoenix Theatre in conjunction with Futurewrights, a program designed for theatre and directing students to dramatize the work of playwriting students.

This year the Belfry Theatre and the Creative Writing Department will coproduce Clarke's plays as part of Futurewrights '91.

"I never expected in a thousand years for this to be produced," said Clarke, speaking of his first play, May Old Acquaintance Be Forgot.

"It's going to be interesting to see what they actually do with it."

The professional staging of Clarke's plays May Old Acquaintance and Talking Heads will be under the direction of Brenda Anderson, dramaturge from the New Play Centre of Vancouver.

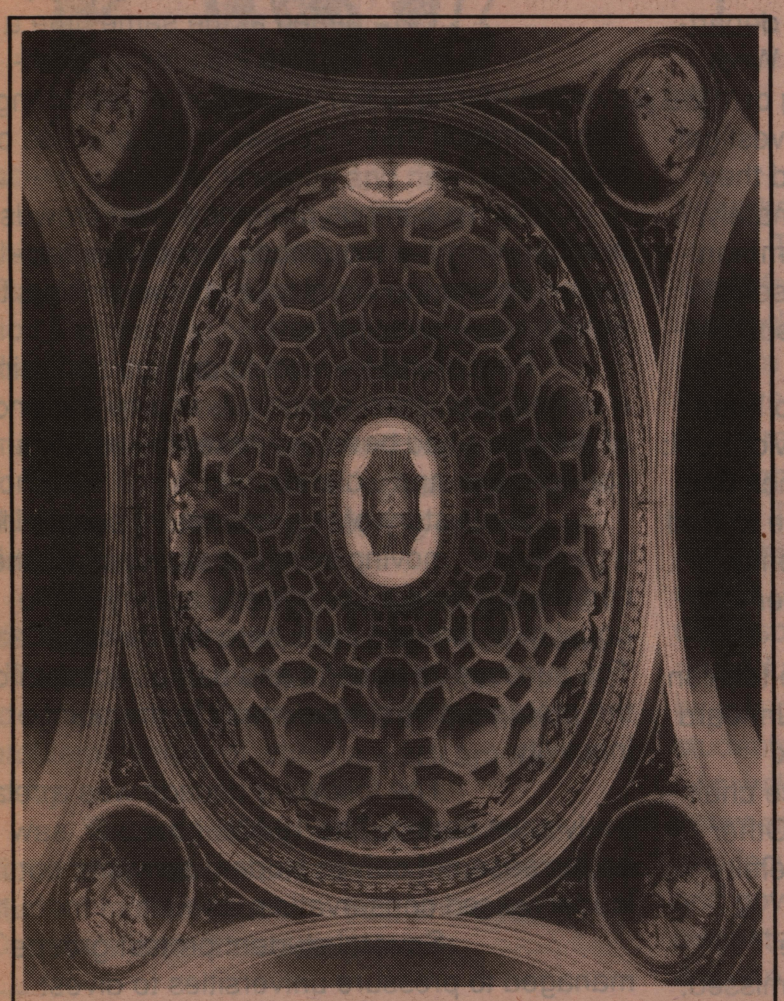
Four professional actors are also preparing for the week-long process of workshop development and rehearsal before the production.

Charles Tidler, playwright and instructor in the Creative Writing Department will also act as dramaturge. Andrea Galbraith, another fourth year playwriting student will be assistant dramaturge.

The two plays being presented are examples of Clarke's wide range of talent. The first, May Old Acquaintance, is a naturalistic drama set in the living room of two up-island couples on New Year's Eve, a story which climaxes through the telling and keeping of secrets.

The second is an expressionistic piece about a couple who face the need to create a past from a world dominated by television.

The weekend shows are a great opportunity to support your local up-and-coming playwright. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and admission is by donation.❑



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ENTERTAINMENT

Students shine in Concerto

by Karin Johnson

The challenge of performing with the university's Little Orchestra was well-met by three School of Music students on Feb. 1 at the annual Concerto Concert.

The program was rich for its variation in soloists and music. As an introduction, the orchestra presented the vibrant, intense "Italiana in Algeri Overture" by Rossini, performed under the direction of George Corwin.

The piece was highlighted by Alexandra Pohran's oboe playing. Pohran is the first oboist in the orchestra and a School of Music faculty member.

The first of the solo performances saw a marvelous but rarely staged piece. David Pell, a graduating student, performed Lars-Eric Larsson's "Concertino for Trombone and String Orchestra, op. 45, no. 7", an intriguing contemporary work.

Embellished with several technically difficult passages, the Concertino provides a challenge which Pell and his gleaming trombone met successfully.

More twentieth century music followed with soprano Eleanor Innes singing "A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table", composed by Walton. This collection of six short pieces was comprised of traditional English poems set to Walton's flowing, melodious music.

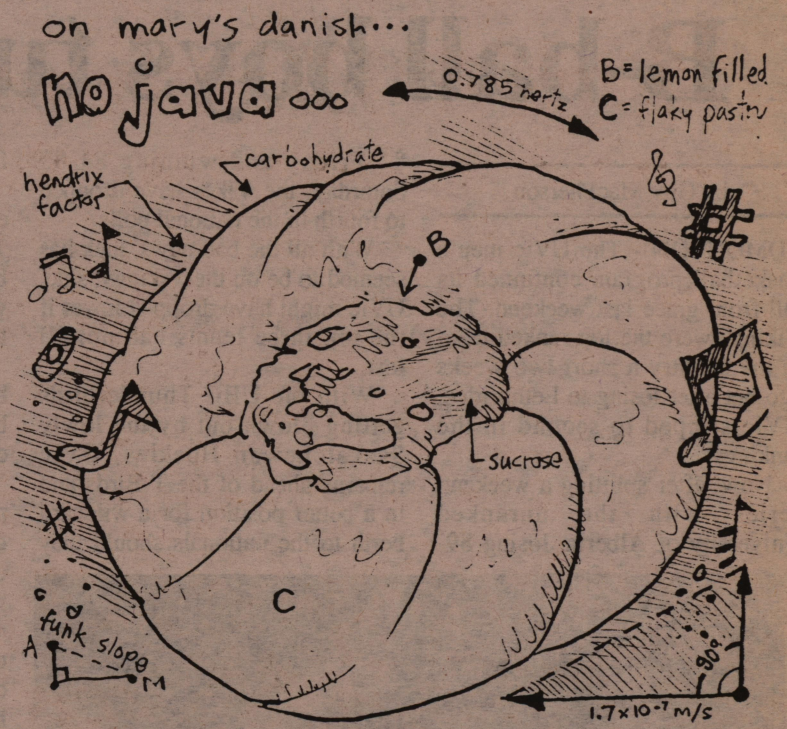
Innes was well received by the audience, although only certain parts of her performance were clearly audible because of the overpowering volume of the orchestra. This was unfortunate because, from what was heard, she seemed to do this beautiful work justice.

The concluding concerto was offered by third year student Lila Gailling. She performed Beethoven's Concerto No. 4 in G Major, for Piano and Orchestra, op. 58.

This difficult concerto was given an impressive presentation by Gailling, and the orchestra supported her well. Having won the Canadian Music Competition this year, Gailling had certain expectations to fulfill and, judging by the audience's reaction, was triumphant.

She sailed through the three powerful, demanding movements giving them life with acute musical expression and the audience rose for a lengthy ovation.

The School of Music offers many evening and afternoon concerts, and most of them are free, so it's definitely worth a listen. ❑



High funkadelic quotient

Live Danish a funk fest

by Andrew Mori

experience (live + foxy lady)

Mary's Danish
Chameleon/Epic

Imagine if you will a time and place where under the uncaring gaze of the hot SoCal sun tour buses carrying the B-52s and the Red Hot Chili Peppers collided.

Say Kate and Cindy of the B-52's and Flea of the Peppers experienced that higher cosmic ground thing as their personalities fused in that accident.

Say they decided to form their own band, and cover Jimi Hendrix's "Foxy Lady".

The result might be the fabulous punk/funk fusion played by San Francisco's Mary's Danish. Julie Ritter and Gretchen Seager share lead vocals, backed by bass meister Chris Wagner, whose skills would make Flea take a second look at him.

This cassette has seven tracks, of which all but the last were recorded live at the Ventura Theatre in Ventura, California.

The opening track is a killer instrumental "Tracy in the Bathroom Killing Thrills" that punks away with abandon and segues nicely into "Blue Stockings" (an old term for "feminist").

Along with four other tracks, these are wicked live versions of songs previously released on their first studio album there goes the wonder truck ...

One of these things that makes this cassette worth listening to is the way the band increases the funkadelic quotient on all of the old material. The opening punky riff that leads "Don't Crash the Car Tonight" is an excellent innovation to the original.

The other reason is the tape's only studio track, a punk/funk/metal rendition of "Foxy Lady." Speed-funked out by Wagner's bass dynamics and pumped-up by some hot horns, the bass bridge towards the end of the song will leave a few metalheads a bit "dazed and confused".

Mary's Danish is for people who like punk/funk, but not its usual portrayal of women (a la Pepper's Stone Cold Bush).

Hearing how well these tracks sound live really makes me want to hear them when they appear at Harpo's on February 15. But I'll be freezing my butt off in Regina, so everyone else hasta go for me, ok...?!!! ❑

Local indie shows a big musical heart

by m.c. schraefel

Kin Cain
Band in Canada

There are some records that just lend themselves to the personal intensity of headphone listening. Local Kin Cain's independent 1988 release *Band in Canada* is one of those collections.

The album is a mix of acoustic feels complemented by effectively restrained synthesized atmospheres where the arrangements do musically what the lyrics strive for verbally. It's a rare blend of form keenly reflecting content that creates a very exhilarating listening experience.

The feel of the whole tape is that of vast, stretching soundscapes that reach way up into the stratosphere, searching for some extraterrestrial love song to echo back to Cain's rich, gravelly-voiced pleading, as so aptly presented on the track "Falling of the World."

One gets the sense listening to these songs Cain's wiry frame seen on the cover of *Band* hides a huge heart that wants to find and give love.

But don't let the sentiment fool you. These songs are far from wishy-washy romanticism. Cain is serious about his life philosophies.

Take a listen to the very physical, intriguingly and spritely arranged "You are a Secret" for proof of this. Nothing's gonna stop this philosopher/songster from gaining the one he seeks. Yup.

The main idea Cain seems to be expressing in *Band in Canada* is that folks are generally too unaware of the people, life and love around them.

The up, hopeful feel to the songs is underscored with an ever-present edge that asks its listeners to wake up and smell the bagels, please, before more crimes of indifference are committed.

A small cast of players/producers (Mark Franklin and Bert Goulet) and local music heroes like Ray Rothschild (Rhythm Spirit/Drums or Amra) and Al Eskelson back Cain's strong songs with gutsy sensitivity.

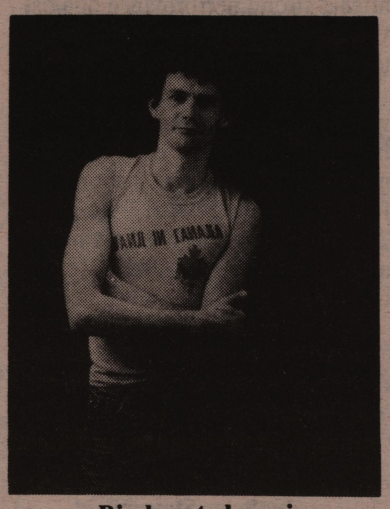
Though Cain's strong, earthy vocals command full spotlight, backing vocals, done mainly by Lori Franklin, are strikingly complementary to his rawness.

The crowning joy of *Band* in terms of this vocal layering, musicianship, songwriting and overall production is the haunting and beautifully arranged "Let Christmas be Forever."

Jenny Allen's poignant vocals lead the Monterey School Choir in counter harmonies that build in intensity throughout the song around Cain's aching melody. The choral ensemble and lyrics combine in the kind of musical sensation that is spine-tingling.

No wonder Cain has subtitled this "Not a Christmas Song." It reaches way beyond seasonal limits, just as the entire album supercedes the limits of its modest 16 track recording.

Band in Canada is available around town at A&B Sound and Mezzrow's.❑



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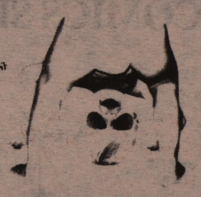
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SPORTS

B-ball boys tumble from top spot

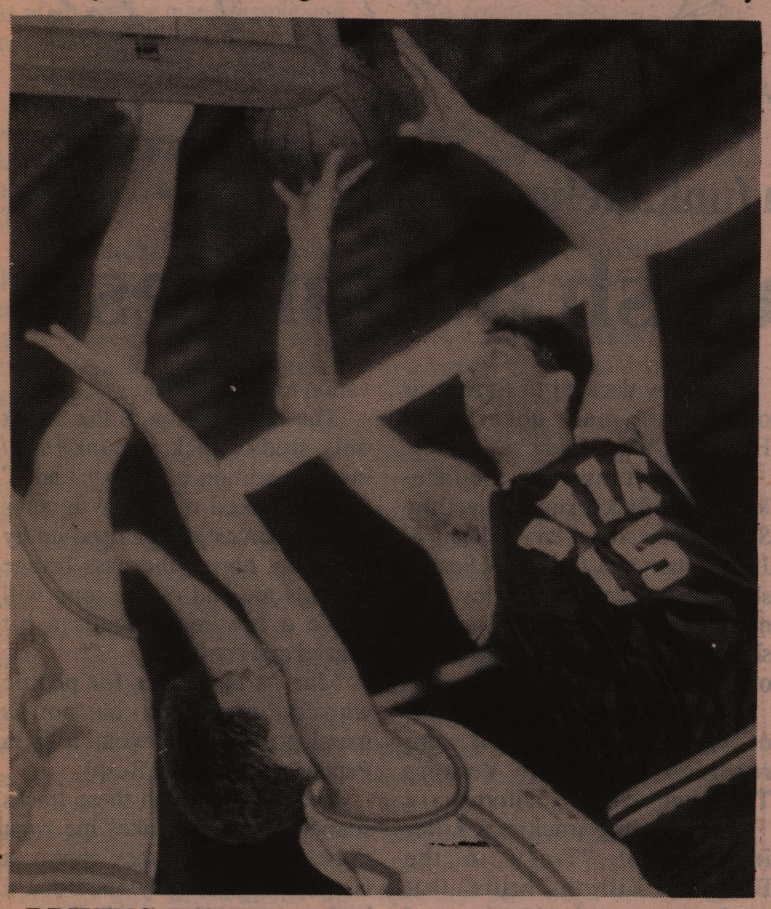
by Guy MacPherson

EDMONTON - The UVic men's basketball program continued its fall from grace last weekend. The Vikings were the top-ranked team in the country a short two weeks ago but after losing to Lethbridge, UVic slipped to second in the rankings.

Now, after splitting a weekend series with the unranked University of Alberta, losing 89-81 Friday and winning 84-83 Saturday, the Vikes have dropped to fourth in the national polls.

With all the bad news, luck has seemed to be on the Vikings' side. UVic might have dropped lower if the top three teams had not all lost.

With the UBC Thunderbirds getting blown out by the lowly Saskatchewan Huskies, UVic remains ahead of the T-Birds and in a better position for a wildcard berth to the nationals should they falter in the play-offs.



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DRIVING INSIDE — Vikes forward Spencer McKay will be honoured this weekend when he plays his last home game of his career.

In the Canada-West conference, however, UBC is on top. The teams have identical records, but the Thunderbirds lead by virtue of the point spread in head-to-head battles with UVic.

The Golden Bears, who have been struggling all season, played both games like the Canada-West champions they were last season.

UVic got out to an early 13 point lead Friday, but saw it quickly evaporate. They trailed by one at the half and the gap widened in the second half.

The Vikings shot a higher percentage than Alberta (54 - 48 per cent) but were consistently outhustled on the boards, getting outrebounded 27-18.

Alberta's inspirational players were forward Peter Mrazik, who grabbed five offensive rebounds down the stretch, scoring 19 points, and Sean Foote, a 5'6" guard playing his first post-secondary game. The relatively diminutive guard, who was out with a broken wrist since the beginning of the season, scored 15 points and four assists.

"He sure has given us a spark," Mrazik said about Foote. "But one thing I'll say about Sean is it hasn't just been tonight. He's been a spark in practice every day, cast on or cast off."

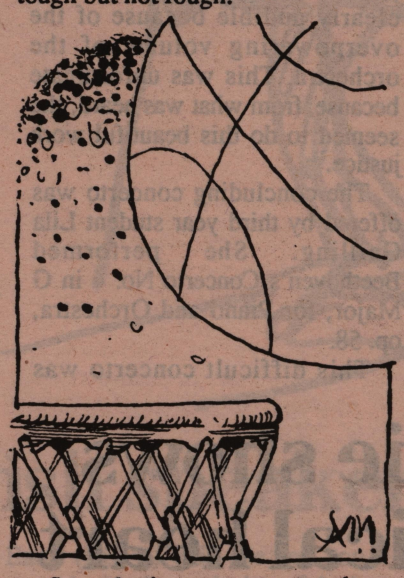
The Bears, fighting for the fourth and final play-off spot with Saskatchewan, have been an inconsistent team all season. But after a strong performance against UVic, Mrazik gave all the credit to his coach, Don Horwood.

"This week we had to focus on what we were able to do and realize that winning is really not so much the scoreboard but putting forth your best effort," he said. "I'm really proud of the team and also the coach this week. He's a tremendous man and I really respect him and feel kind of privileged to play for him."

Spencer McKay paced the Vikes with 27 points and five rebounds. Tom Johnson had 22, while Dave McIntosh finished with 12.

McKay was the only Viking who could consistently put the ball in the hole.

"I have a lot of respect for Spencer as a player," continued Mrazik. "He uses his upper body to his advantage. I enjoy playing a physical game and the refs let us play physically tonight. It was tough but not rough."



Saturday's game was no less tough. The Vikes held a six point advantage at halftime, but the Bears clawed back to a tie after nine minutes. The game went back and forth for the final 11 minutes.

A Tom Johnson steal and lay-in gave UVic a two-point lead with one minute remaining.

After an Alberta free throw, Johnson was fouled with 12 seconds left. He missed both free shots, and David Lescheid missed on the follow-up.

Alberta had seven seconds to get a shot off to win the game. But Sean Foote dribbled the ball off his namesake and UVic held on to win.

It was McKay who once again led in scoring, with 27 points and nine rebounds. McIntosh had 15, Johnson 14, while Lescheid had 10 with nine boards.

The Vikes were out-rebounded for the second night in a row, 37-29. But the Bears really shot themselves in the paw, making only 10 of 24 freethrows.

Despite these statistics, Vetrie felt confident with the victory.

"If you want to start adding up missed shots, we missed a lot of easy shots, too. We won it. We executed down the stretch, and perhaps they didn't."

Although the Vikes are 2-2 in their last four games against unranked teams, Vetrie doesn't feel his team is in a slump.

"We're just not playing very good ball right now on a consistent basis," he said. "But what you have to remember is we're 10-2 since Christmas. In sport, especially at the CIAU level, it's a tough haul through our schedule. We're just going through a bad time right now. It's not a point in time where we have to be overly concerned."

"You go in to win every game, but I think there's still a mentality by the general public that past UBC, everyone else in the conference is dog meat, which is far from true."

The Vikes hope to break out of their "bad time" this weekend with a pair of home games against Saskatchewan.

Friday's game can be heard live on CFUV beginning at 8 p.m. Prior to Saturday's game, the last regular-season home game of the year, the Vikings will honour graduating players Spencer McKay, Dave McIntosh, David Lescheid and Clint Hamilton. ❑

Vikes split with Bears

by Peter Stewart

For a team in a rebuilding phase, the Vikes men's volleyball team looked extremely impressive this weekend against the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

On Friday the Vikes won an entertaining match in five sets, 15-13, 15-10, 4-15, 7-15, 15-11.

Leading the way for Victoria were Ross McKeever and Simon Bright. Dan Brown, the Vikes' assistant coach, said "having Ross in the lineup allowed for power hitting from both sides of the court."

This seemed to confuse the Golden Bears, and allowed for the Vikes' win.

Jason Wishlow was impressive in the win with a couple of spectacular saves, and Scott Carlson played admirably at centre blocker, a position he hadn't played previously.

Saturday was a little tougher for the Vikes. The Golden Bears made some key changes in strategy, including triple blocking against Bright, and easily defeated the Vikes 15-9, 15-2, 15-9.

Brown attributed some of the team's difficulties on Saturday to a lack of experience.

"The more experienced teams are able to concentrate mentally for two successive nights of play," said Brown. "The game is 80 per cent mental."

The Vikes came out flat on Saturday and were never able to turn it around.

One player who did excel on Saturday was setter Richard Chan.

"He was making poor passes into excellent sets," said Paul Brasson, Vikes' head coach.

The ever improving Vikes are in Saskatchewan this weekend, February 15 and 16 to face the powerful University of Calgary Dinosaurs. ❑

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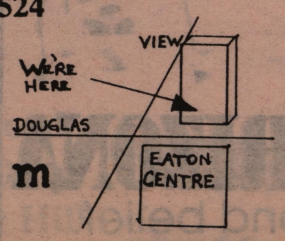

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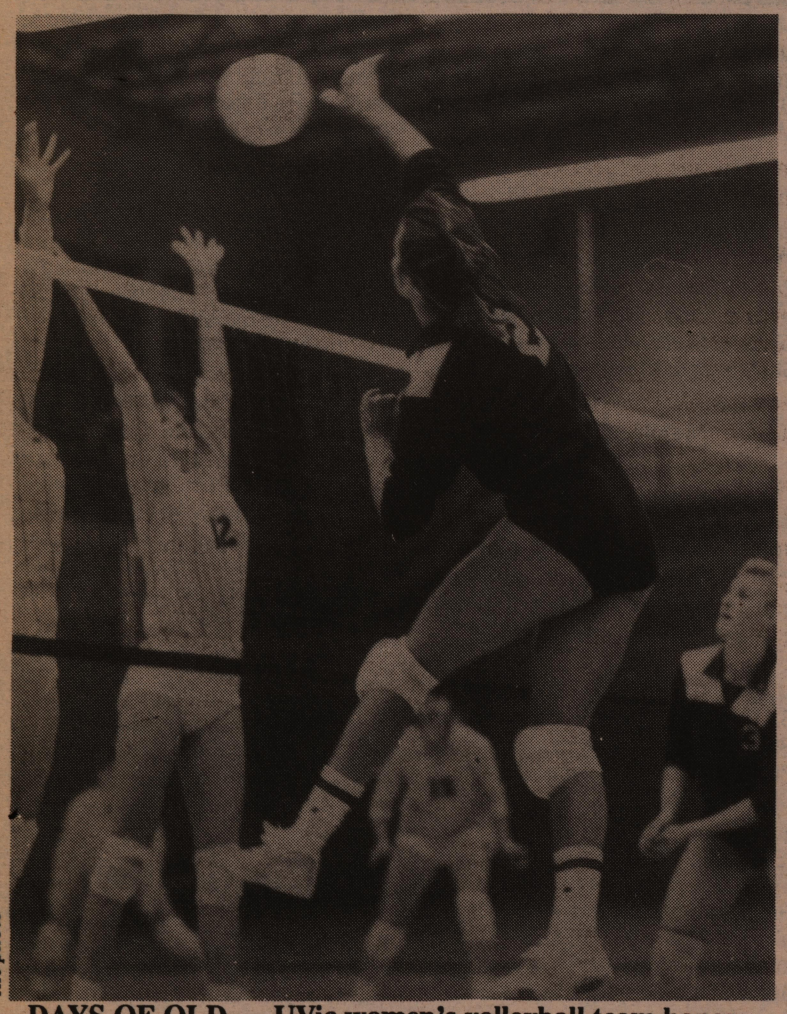

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DAYS OF OLD — UVic women's volleyball team hopes to match past successes with a play-off berth in Can-West.

Kelsey's shoes filled

by Chuck Bennett

There is another addition to the handful of new faces at McKinnon Gym.

Harry Zarins has recently joined the UVic Athletic and Recreation administration team. Zarin takes over as Coordinator of Athletics from Howard Kelsey, who had held the position for seven years, and now serves UVic in a consulting position.

Zarins comes to Victoria from McGill University in Montreal where he held a number of different posts, including Sports Information Director and Intercollegiate Coordinator.

UVic's new administrator is excited about joining UVic athletics for a number of reasons.

"UVic has a rich athletic tradition," said Zarins. "I am also looking forward to working with full-time coaches who are also national coaches, and their athletes."

Arriving in the shadow of Wayne McDonald, UVic's new head of Athletics and Recreation, whose plan included a larger influx of corporate sponsorship into university sports, Zarins also sees the importance of corporate sponsorship.

"We have to decide what we have to offer corporate sponsors and how well it will serve UVic Athletics and then decide what route we are going to follow in getting sponsorship," said Zarin.

There are a number of ways that Zarin would like to increase UVic's athletic program.

"I hope to get the community involved more in our inter-collegiate sports," he said. "In the future I would like to see UVic host more National Championships, we definitely have the climate to host our fair share of championships."

"I would also like to see a growth in spectator sports," added Zarin. "We are starting to get good crowds for volleyball. People are coming out to watch excellent volleyball."

As far as expanding UVic Athletics, Zarin was wary about making any definite commitments.

"First we have to find out what the limitations of the university are," said Zarin. "We have to know how far the administration will let us go."

However, Zarin did say he saw the possibilty of expansion at UVic.

"Swimming has the possibility of being a level one sport, I don't think it's far away," he said. "Also women's soccer has really been growing and is set to move into major competition."

Zarins' ultimate goal for athletics at UVic is "to run a sound administration and to be innovative and creative." ❑

Women's volleyball team wins hands down over weekend

by Ryan Buchanan

The UVic women's basketball team remained on track to sneak into the final playoff spot with a couple of convincing wins as the Canada-West finals loom near.

For the second straight weekend the Vikes downed their opponents without losing a game at McKinnon Gym.

The University of Alberta, now 3-13, were UVic's most recent victims. The Vikes won 15-3, 15-13, 15-10 Friday and 15-6, 15-1, 15-12 Saturday.

UVic, now 10-6 in Canada West play, remains in third place and their playoff fate lies out of their hands. Second place UBC must drop four matches to enable UVic an opportunity to make the playoffs.

However, Vikes' coach Karin Maessen is concerned solely with her own team's production.

"We must win every match from now on," said Maessen. "We can't afford to lose any more matches."

The Vikes demonstrated their depth of talent, against Alberta, not suffering any loss of production Saturday despite the loss of 6'1 Lisa Cepeliauskas from the lineup.

"Being a national team member, Lisa is often overshadowing," said Maessen, "but we have other good athletes who were able to demonstrate what they could do. It's nice to see that we have good depth."

Friday, Cepeliauskas and second year player Carli Richter paced UVic with 11 kills each while Rhonda Neufeld replied with nine kills for Alberta.

Middle blocker Renee Beaumont was dominant Saturday, recording 12 kills and five stuffs for UVic.

"We were running more inside than in the past," said Maessen. "Our objective was to work on our fast attack."

This weekend the Vikes travel to Saskatchewan for two critical matches. UVic is the only team to have defeated the number one ranked Huskies this season.

Maessen is confident her team has the ability to surprise Saskatchewan, despite their stingy record at home.

"We're going there to win and think we can win but to do so everyone has to play well. Nobody's beaten them on their home court this year... but we've got nothing to lose." ❑

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Seminar

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FRIDAY 8

Music

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SATURDAY 9

Music

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GLENN GOULD: A PORTRAIT - this television biography was produced after the death of Canada's best-known classical pianist. 2 p.m. in the Newcombe Theatre (B.C. Museum).

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Readings

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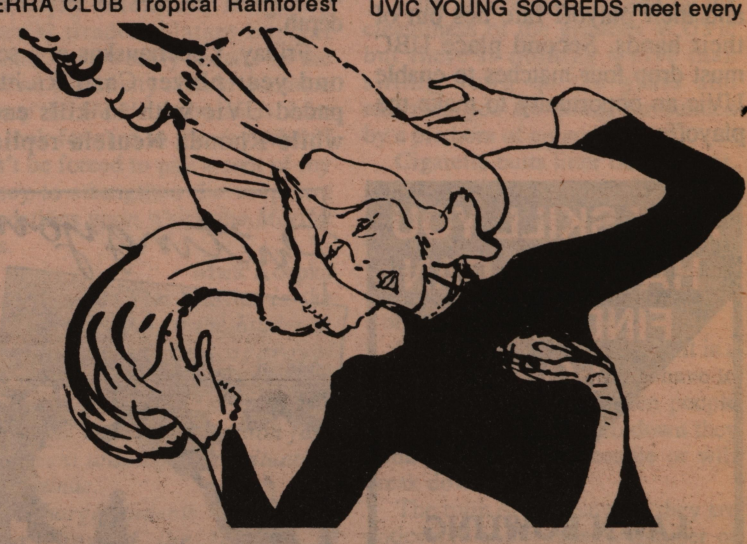

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Drunk poets' society

by Daniel Hughes

This might come as a surprise to some, but if your declared major is Creative Writing, then, ipso facto, you are indeed a member of the Guild (known affectionately as the CWSG).

"So what?" I can hear you patiently asking. Well, that's a good question. The Guild's purpose is three-fold.

Firstly, it annually publishes *The Seventh Wave*, a semi-prestigious venue for the work of CWSG members. This year's effort, which should be available by the end of March, promises to be the best yet.

Secondly, the Guild acts as a student lobby group, helping make the concerns of creative writing students known to the administration and hopefully seeing that the sometimes arbitrary decisions of the bureaucrats don't "impact too negatively" on the average student.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, the Guild organizes parties, ostensibly to raise money for the *Wave*, but mostly for the sheer joy of dancing, drinking and getting loud and obnoxious (this happens to many creative writing students on an almost daily basis — you can find a great many of us in a certain corner of Felicita's at any given time).

Meetings of the CWSG executive occur every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Cle A117. Everyone is welcome, but remember: those who can't, do. Those who can, write. ❑

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WUSC Feb. 9, a workshop on GENDER & DEVELOPMENT facilitated by Wendy Martin on Feb. 9, 1 p.m. at 532 Cecelia Ave. Info, 383-0189. Meeting on Feb. 10, 7 p.m. in Clearihue C305. Bake sale on Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the SUB.

LAMBDA CLUB COFFEEHOUSE for gays, lesbians and their friends meets Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. Cornett B344 (or when possible, Cle C305). For more information phone 595-5455 (Scott or Dorothy) or 361-4900 (Island Gay Society).Everyone welcome.

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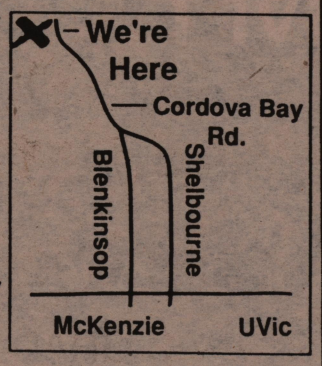

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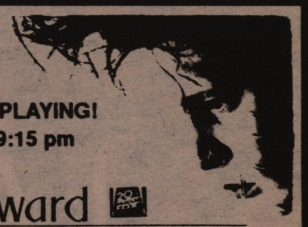

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NEWS

Native children don't fit into school system

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"It's the other students and even the teachers who will make that child ill at ease because they don't always understand that they must deal differently with someone who has a different cultural background and whose first language is often not French," she said.

It would help, she said, if course curriculum would put more emphasis on teaching about the history of Canada's native people.

"People end up knowing more about South-American Indians than about Canadian Indians," she said. "It doesn't make sense that many Canadians live close to a reserve without knowing what band lives there."

But fighting against the high drop-out rate requires more than only taking on the education system.

Konrad Sioui, Quebec regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said poverty within native communities is the still the biggest problem in the battle against high drop-out rates.

"Natives quite simply lack the material means to fight the racism and segregation that exists in schools," Sioui said.

Native children who leave their reserve to go to high school only get $12 a month in allowance and $150 a year bursary from the provincial government to buy supplies such as books.

Parents are expected to also contribute to a child's education, but if they're poor the children quickly fall on hard times.

"You can be sure that if native students goes to school wearing an old dirty pair of pants and a pair running-shoes with holes, they will automatically be excluded by the other students," he said.

"Native kids are ten times more sensitive to being excluded by other students because they're not living in their communities where they would normally feel more secure."

But native communities that run every aspect of their high school will have a greater success rate, said Gilbert Whiteduck, director of Education Services for the Maniwaki reserve.

In 1980 the reserve opened the doors to its native-run high school and has seen the number of graduates increase yearly.

"We've come a long way in the last ten years," said Whiteduck. "We now do everything ourselves at our high school. We design our course curriculum, do our administration work and hire our own teachers."

Although the school is constantly adapting to the needs of its population with special basic literacy courses and career counselling sessions, one out of every three students still drops out before graduating.

"Our students only spend 14 per cent of their time in school," he said. "The impact that a students' family and their community have is very often greater than that of the school."

Whiteduck said an unstable family life and poverty often make it impossible for students to pursue their studies.

"Some students just can't afford to go school because their family needs them at home to help out," he said. ❑

Still more letters

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Did they intentionally want to hurt a serviceman who is already hurting and scared? If it was in "fun" these students have a sick and twisted sense of humour. It if was to hurt a serviceman I hope they are proud of themselves because they succeeded. These students are sadistic and repugnant!

My boyfriend asked me, "Why do they hate us? Don't they realize we had no say in the matter? It was the government's decision and we're just doing our job. We're the last ones who wanted war."

I do not know the answers to his questions. Perhaps one of the six students would care to answer them?

Debbie Evans

Biting sarcasm continues

Editors:

To Mr. Deed and Mr. Green: You are very evil and callous indeed to make sarcastic fun of the Gulf War. Hundreds and hundreds of people are dying over there.

Instead of taking part in this hideous confrontation, Canada should strive for peace at any cost. We should restore economic sanctions and give them time to work — 10 or 20 years, if necessary. The starvation of a few million women and children for a while (or until they die) is a small price to pay for peace.

Perhaps even economic sanctions are too much punishment, and we should forgive Mr. Hussein. That he used chemical weapons on both Iran and his own people, and that he tortured and murdered people in Kuwait, are probably misunderstandings.

I feel sure if we let Saddam off with a warning, and then have everyone in Canada give him a great big hug, everything will be all right.

Finally, thanks to The Martlet for providing the Green/Deed letter with the helpful heading "War protest slammed sarcastically," since most university students are not intelligent enough to perceive sarcasm on their own.

Pete Stirton

Howie's actions disgust student

Editors:

I am writing to express my disgust and anger with UVSS President Howard Jampolsky and his inept "organization" of the recent visit of the Citizen's Forum on Canada's Future, better known as the Spicer Commission.

According to Mr. Stephen Reid, in charge of organization for the commission on southern Vancouver Island, Howard knew about the visit for over two weeks. It was his responsibility to organize it.

This visit should have been the most important event this year at UVic.

It might have been an event at which everyone, regardless of political ideology, would have been excited to take part in; an event which should have been standing room only.

The future of our nation, I think everyone will agree, is perhaps the most important thing facing UVic students today. Rather than an opportunity to address this issue, we were presented with an ill-organized and abysmally attended non-event.

I am eagerly awaiting Howard's excuse, although I, for one, would prefer an immediate resignation for this shameful dereliction of duty.

Daniel Hughes

LA TONOMY

NEED I SAY MORE?

Support growing

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Student senator David Wheatcroft said he supports cancelling classes. "As a senator, I have to consider the academic effects on students. I can't see it having any detriment to people's academic progress."

Most coalition members said a day spent at the teach-in would be academically rewarding.

"At our demonstrations, people are always asking us for information about the issues; the region, politics, and Canada's involvement," said coalition member Heather Gropp.

"The coalition is not just here for demonstrations, but to educate people about the issues."

Professor Steven Noyes of the English department is planning to speak on Muslims and the principles of Islam.

Noyes is a Muslim, and said many people look only at Saddam Hussein when they consider Islamic culture and beliefs.

"They are ignorant of what Islam is. It's quite similar to Christianity."

Noyes said while generally he sticks to the prescribed curriculum for his classes, he does introduce a few concepts to students.

"I try to separate propaganda from myth."

Professors from diverse departments have been asked to speak, as well as students and community members.

The teach-in will be in the SUB Cinecenta theatre from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and in the MacLaurin David Lam auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 14.

There will be a demonstration in front of the fountain by the MacPherson Library at noon.

Profs endorse action

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gard at their own convenience. We know that charges of racism and imperialism ring false to many people in the west, but that they appear as simple "facts" to people elsewhere.

The idea that we can understand such complexities in the oversimplification provided us by media stereotypes and cliches runs against the grain of democratic political life. The idea that we can solve any problems by devastating Iraq and Kuwait, slaughtering thousands of people, enraging the Arab peoples, and upsetting the balance of power in the region, is patently absurd. And yet these are the inevitable consequences of the present war.

We are encouraged by the sophisticated concern of many of our students, who refguse to be misled by their elders or by the partiality of official sources. We support them wholeheartedly in their efforts for peace, and especially in their plans to designate February 14 as a "teach-in" on campuses (and hopefully in schools) across the country. We appeal to others to let their voices be heard in a demand for an immediate end to this senseless war.

The following faculty members have endorsed this letter:

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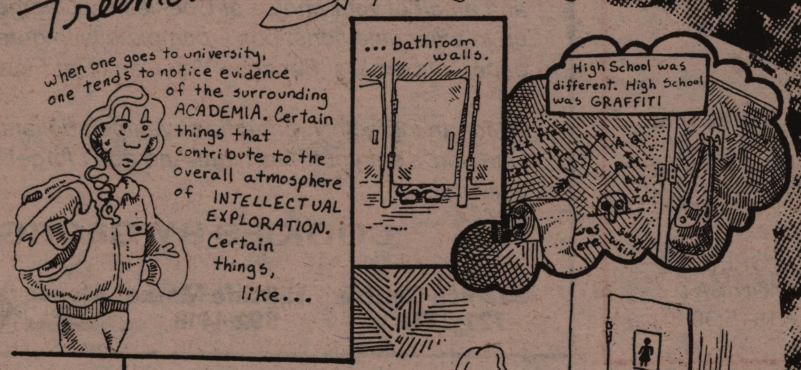
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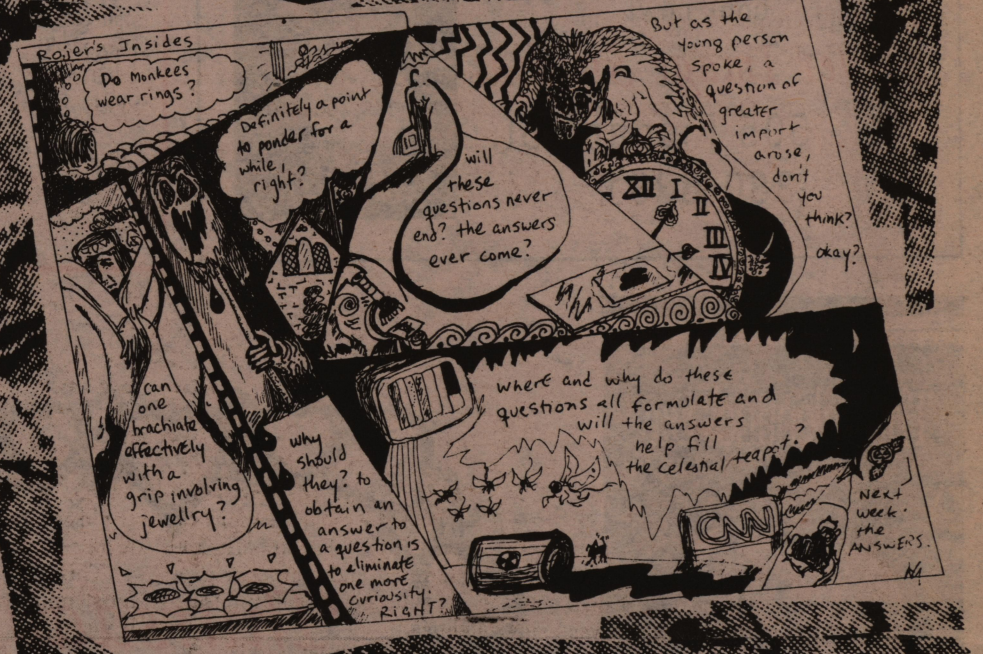
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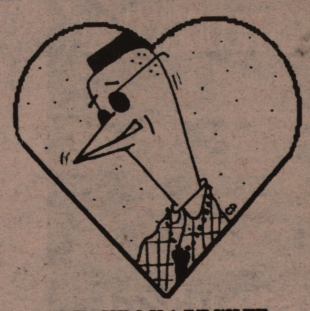

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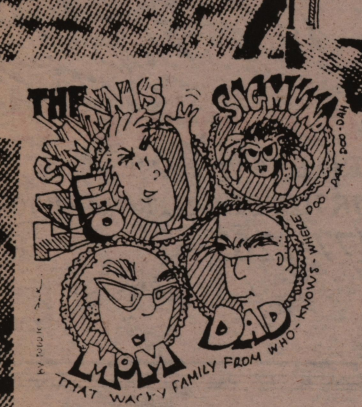

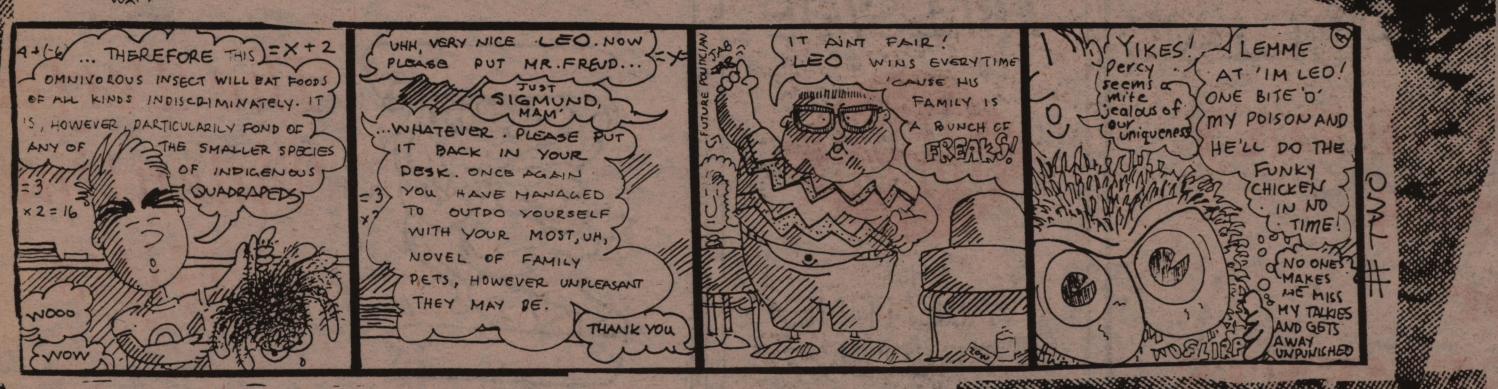
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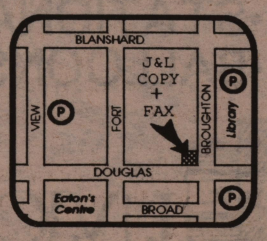

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